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BEECHER-TILTON.

Meeting of a Special Congregational Council in New York.

Inquiry to Be Made as to the Manner In Which Tilton Left Plymouth Church.

Organization of the Council—Western Delegates Present.

Excitement Among Mr. Beecher's Friends In View of the Proceedings.

The Questions to Be Considered Enumerated in the Call.

Full and Comprehensive History of the Advisory Council.

THE PRELIMINARIES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 24.—New England and the Northwest are the only sections which can be said to be fairly represented in the Congregational Conference. Only twenty churches from the Northwest were invited, but most of these have indicated their interest in the church questions or scandals which have caused the Council to convene by responding favorably. Thus far the following

WESTERN DELEGATES

have appeared:

Detroit—First Church, L. Eddy, D. D., pastor; the Hon. C. J. Walker, layman. Second Church, E. M. Freeland, pastor; Ervin Palmer, Esq., layman.

Chicago—New England Church, L. T. Chamberlain, pastor; the Hon. C. G. Hammond, layman. First Church, Everard P. Goodwin, pastor; the Rev. W. W. Patton, D. D., layman; and the Rev. G. M. Boardman, D. D.

Ohio—Oberlin Second Church, H. Mead, D. D., pastor; the Rev. Henry Cowles, D. D., layman; the Rev. O. H. Fairchild, D. D. Columbus, O.—First Church, Robert G. Horchkiss, pastor; Deacon B. D. Hills, layman.

Iowa—The Rev. G. F. Magoun, D. D.

St. Louis—First Church, E. M. Post, D. D., pastor; the Hon. Irwin S. Smith, layman.

Milwaukee—Springvert Church, George T. Ladd, pastor; the Hon. E. D. Holton, layman.

Beloit, Wis.—The Rev. A. L. Chapin, D. D.

Ripon, Wis.—The Rev. W. E. Merriman, D. D.

THE QUESTIONS TO BE DECIDED

by the Council are:

Can a member of a Congregational Church end his connection by simply absenting himself?

If, while thus absenting himself, he is accused of grossly unchristian conduct, is it in accordance with Congregational usage to withhold the charge and drop his name from the rolls without any reflection on him?

Was the action of Plymouth Church in this regard according to usage, or does it warrant reprehension on the part of the other churches?

What is the duty of other churches in view of this action of Plymouth, in regard to continuing their fellowship with it?

In regard to the resolution of independence declared by Plymouth on Dec. 5, 1873, what action should other churches take to release themselves from the mutually responsible connection they have had with it?

Have the churches calling this Council acted according to the principles of Congregationalism, or have they erred; and if the latter, how?

THE MEETING

of the Congregational Conference to-night was wholly for organization. There was, consequently, little of interest to notice, save the observations of the distinguished delegates. Nevertheless, a large audience, admitted by tickets, was in attendance until a late hour, and the prospects of the Council, if not the first proceedings, create very general and great excitement in religious circles. The feeling is more intense than one as a distance would suppose. It is not, of course, the question of the settlement of minor matters of church discipline which causes this intense interest.

THE TREPIDATION OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH

has been manifest for several days past. The business-meeting on Friday evening was packed in the Beecher interest, and it was painfully evident that every effort and every sacrifice was to be made to prevent any investigation into the charges against Theodore Tilton of scandalizing Beecher. For a church which has so long professed indifference to the action of its fellow-members, independence of their opinion and fellow ship, and indifference to the result of any invest igation of Tilton, the present nervousness of Plymouth Church appears singular. This morning all

THE BEECHER ORGANS,

including the Brooklyn *Eagle*, whose editor is also involved in a scandal; the *Star*, which is edited by Joe Howard, the famous proclams tion-forger and a protege of Beecher's; and the *Sun*, opened simultaneous broadsides of abuse upon Budington and Storrs. One accuses Storrs of drinking wine at table; another, that he has a skeleton in his own church and family, of which exposure is threatened; and it is asserted that there are several such skeletons which ought to be dropped from the roll of Budington's church. Plymouth is evidently

PREPARING FOR A STUBBORN SIEGE.

Private meetings of the church officers were held last evening and this morning in Mr. Beecher's parlors, but the doors were closed, and the subject of the deliberations can only be conjectured. This morning, as early as 9 o'clock, there was an anxious, buzzing crowd in the house, and piles of camp-stools in the hallway were called on to accommodate the numbers attending the mysterious deliberations. On the contrary, the churches calling the Council have been very quiet and dignified, and the preparations for the Conference have gone on systematically and decently. There is general sympathy with Storrs and Budington, which the attacks alinded to have served to increase.

The greater part of

THE MORNING SESSION

was devoted to organization and the consideration of the question of inviting Plymouth Church to a seat in the Conference. It was finally decided that Plymouth Church be invited to appear on the same conditions as others, and to make any statements and answer any questions propounded.

[To the Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, March 24.—The Advisory Council called by the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church and the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, to settle the points of issue in the recent controversy with the Plymouth Church, held its first session this evening in Dr. Budington's church. Of the seventy-nine churches that have been asked to join the Conference, seventy-four have accepted, and sixty-eight of these have each sent their pastor and one other delegate. Six churches will be represented only by their pastors. The Council will also include several Professors and Doctors of Divinity, who will not represent any particular church, and there will be in all about 160 members. The meeting this evening was only for organization, and the Conference will be practically opened to-morrow morning.

The Rev. Dr. Theodore D. Woolsey, of New Haven; the Rev. Dr. Bushnell, of Hartford, and the Rev. Dr. Tilman, have written letters

EXPRESSING THEIR REGRET

that on account of sickness they will be unable to be present. The Rev. Dr. Vermilye is in Florida, and the Hon. Henry P. Haven, of Connecticut, on account of pressing business at home, cannot come. No word has been received from the Rev. Dr. George F. Magoun, of Iowa, and he is not expected. These are all representative Congregationalists.

THE MEETING.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

The proceedings were opened by the Rev. Dr. Budington, who made a brief address of welcome. He then invoked a blessing on the future workings of the Council, after which he nominated the Rev. Dr. Storrs, President of Amherst College, as temporary Moderator. On motion, the Rev. Dr. Quint was appointed temporary Scribe. Considerable time was then consumed in the reading of the names of pastors and delegates present. In many instances there were two delegates from the same churches and no pastors. It was then resolved to appoint

TWO PERMANENT MODERATORS,

and the Rev. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, was chosen First Moderator, and Charles J. Walker, of Detroit, Second Moderator, after which two Scribes were elected by acclamation,—the Rev. Dr. Quint, of New Bedford, and the Rev. J. G. Meserve, of Brooklyn.

On motion the reading of the letter-missive statements and documents of the Council was dispensed with, and it was resolved to lay the roll-call over until the next meeting. The Moderator then

OPENED THE MEETING

with prayer, after which one of the delegates moved that the letter-missive be read, inasmuch as, without knowing its contents, it was impossible for any delegate to know for what purpose the Council convened.

HERE A LENGTHENED DISCUSSION AROSE,

which resulted in the reading of the missive, particulars of which have already been published.

Prof. Smith then addressed the Council at considerable length. He said the Council had been called for the purpose of advising two churches what action should be taken on a number of questions in dispute, but there was no mention made of Plymouth Church in their character, and the question arose: What was to be done with this church? He would suggest that in all this discussion the greatest kindness should prevail. He would propose a resolution that a committee of the Council be authorized to wait upon the pastor and delegates of the Plymouth Church and invite them to come on the floor of the Council and state their views with regard to the statements contained in the letter-missive statement. The offering of this resolution provoked long debate, in which a majority of the delegates joined. Some argued that the Council possessed no right to go on with its proceedings

UNLESS PLYMOUTH CHURCH WAS REPRESENTED,

while others feared its pastor and delegates would once more positively decline to give any explanation of their conduct. The Rev. Dr. Storrs, who joined in the discussion, briefly explained the various Councils of experts, mutual, ecclesiastical, and advisory. The Council now being held was an advisory one, and merely created for the purpose of advising two churches how to act in a difficulty. He was desirous that the pastor and delegates of Plymouth Church should be

INVITED TO APPEAR ON THE FLOOR,

first, to explain the statements made against them, and, second, to answer any questions the Council might deem necessary to put, so that they might have every opportunity to vindicate themselves. He then offered an amendment to the previous resolution,

GIVING PLYMOUTH CHURCH EVERY ADVANTAGE

that any member of the Council possessed. This caused another long, but good-natured, discussion, which, at half-past 10 o'clock, resulted in the passage of the original resolution, with but a slight modification, after which the Council adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, when the first business for disposition will be the report of the Committee as to the action of Plymouth Church. There were 119 delegates present, and 48 churches represented.

HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL.

This assemblage is known in Congregationalism as an "Advisory Council," and does not necessarily assume the proportions of a National Council. The Church has frequently held National Councils, the two last being those of 1860, at Boston, and of 1863, at Oberlin, Ohio. Cases such as the one to be brought before this Brooklyn Council are considered local, and such as may be ordinarily disposed of by local action. In order to provide against such local matters being brought before the national assemblies, the Council of Oberlin provided particularly that they shall be brought to the consideration of local Councils, known as "Advisory Councils," to be called by the church or churches locally interested or involved in

THE MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED.

It will be remembered that in October last Theodore Tilton was charged by William F. West, a member of Plymouth Church, "with having circulated and promoted scandals derogatory to the Christian character of our pastor and injurious to the reputation of this church." A complaint and specifications were duly prepared and forwarded to Mr. Tilton by the Examining Committee of Plymouth Church, under date of Oct. 16, with a request that he would submit his defense or reply thereto on or before Oct. 23 ensuing. Under date of Oct. 20, Mr. Tilton replied, acknowledging the receipt from the Clerk of the Committee of an official paper addressed to him "as a member of Plymouth Church." He replied as follows: "Nearly four years ago I terminated my connection with that Church, and am not now a member thereof. Therefore, the document addressed to me in that capacity I cannot receive. To avoid any seeming discourtesy in returning it herewith, I retain it subject to your direction." Prior to that time, however, a special committee from the church waited on Mr. Tilton in reference to the same matter, when he made answer to them in these words: "I have not for nearly four years been an attendant of Plymouth Church, nor have I considered myself a member of it, and I do not now, nor does the pastor of the church consider me a member, and I do not hold myself amenable to its jurisdiction in any matter whatever." On Friday evening, Oct. 31, a special meeting of Plymouth Church was held, and after consideration of the report of the Examining Committee on the subject, in which report it was resolved that "whereas it thus appears that Theodore Tilton, a member of this church, has abandoned his connection with the church by prolonged absence from all its services and ordinances . . . this committee recommend to the church that the name of Theodore Tilton be dropped from the roll of this church," etc.; the said report was adopted. This action was taken under Rule 7 of the Plymouth Church Manual which provides that "members may be dropped from the roll of the church with or without notice to them, . . . or, in case they have abandoned their connection with the church by prolonged absence or otherwise."

On the 8th of November a committee of the Church of the Pilgrims and a similar committee of the Clinton Avenue Church addressed a

JOINT LETTER

"to the pastor and members of Plymouth Church," in which they recited the facts above stated, and said: "The policy is here, as we understand it, distinctly avowed as having been deliberately adopted and pursued, and as, therefore, proper to be applied to the exciting and prominent case at that moment before the church, of avoiding the thorough investigation of complaints charging members of the church with unchristian conduct, by requesting the accused, if there should seem occasion for the accusation, to withdraw from the church, without censure, in anticipation of such investigation." In support of their action they urged that "such a course, however attractive as avoiding trouble, and giving opportunity to escape such issues as it never is pleasant to encounter, is directly subversive of all true Christian discipline."

The letter concluded by inviting the Plymouth Church congregation to appoint

A COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

from its own body to meet this joint committee and reconsider the whole subject, assuring them that this course was not adopted as assuming any authority over Plymouth Church or seeking to invade their prerogatives, but was prompted in the exercise of that fraternal right which always accompanies fraternal obligation, and which was therefore vitally involved in their common fellowship. It also cited as the justification in such mediation the principle as laid down in the Plymouth Church Manual of 1854, that Congregational Churches "may admonish each other in case of heresy, lax discipline, or any scandalous offense," and was signed by the Rev. Richard S. Storrs, pastor, and the Committee of the Church of the Pilgrims, and by the Rev. W. Ives Budington, pastor, and the Committee of Clinton Avenue Church.

Under date of Nov. 28,

PLYMOUTH CHURCH REPLIED,

transmitting a report of the consideration of this letter at a special meeting held on Nov. 26, at which it was decided that, inasmuch as the Joint Committee had prejudged the case and threatened a withdrawal of fellowship, they regretted any prospect of inharmonious relations; but, they continued, "the circumstances recited leave us no alternative but to decline the proposed conference. While this church is, in the words of her Manual (Rule 1) 'an independent ecclesiastical body, and in matters of doctrine, order, and discipline amenable to no other organization,' she will nevertheless, in the words of the same Manual (Rule 3) 'extend to other evangelical churches, and receive from them that fellowship, advice, and assistance which the laws of Christ require.' In accordance with these, her immemorial declarations, Plymouth Church is at all times ready to be advised and admonished by sister churches, according to the ancient, approved, Congregational, Christian method, beginning with proper inquiry into facts, and proceeding through successive steps of mutual explanation and discussion, to the final expression of opinion, including, if need be, admonition or censure. But Plymouth Church is not ready to reverse this order, and submit first to censure, secondly to argument, and afterward to a request for the facts."

Notwithstanding this opening of the breach in church fellowship, the joint committees

CAME AGAIN AS MEDIATORS

in a letter addressed to Plymouth Church, and dated Dec 5. In this epistle they asked if they were mistaken in construing the Plymouth Church resolutions as being a final declination of any conference whatever, and stated that they had intended to suggest at the proposed conference of committees to unite with Plymouth Church in calling a properly representative Council of churches, and to submit the whole question to its judgment. The letter closed by expressing the hope that this course would be favorably looked upon.

On Dec. 6, Plymouth Church replied to the effect that, inasmuch as they did not admit the statements of facts in the letter of Nov. 5, nor the allegation of principles held by Plymouth Church, they were not aware of any questions requiring the advice of a Council. If, however, the joint committee desired further light, and would state the points to be submitted to a Council, Plymouth Church would promptly inform them as to its decision. Resolutions of the church were also transmitted affirming its position as an "independent ecclesiastical body, and in matters of doctrine, order, and discipline amenable to no other body."

On Dec. 16 the joint committees replied, transmitting a lengthy letter containing the points to be submitted to the Council. To this, Plymouth Church sent reply, in which it was set forth that the time had now arrived for them to make a statement on their part. Then followed

AN EXPOSITION OF THE PRINCIPLES

on which that church congregation was founded, the letter breathing somewhat of an arrogant spirit in its reference to the peculiar independence which that church had always felt itself warranted in exercising, even as to its recognition of any ex-officio powers in its pastor to preside at any of its meetings whatever, no matter how urvial, unless duly elected so to preside. They also claimed to represent the Congregational polity more truly than any of the two churches calling them to this account, and said that the position of Plymouth Church, deliberately taken at the beginning and never changed, was Congregationalism as they understood it, held it, and were determined to maintain it.

This letter closed all hope of further correspondence. Accordingly, on the 9th of March the two churches issued a "missive letter" to a number of congregations, stating very fully the points in the case, the views entertained by themselves, and the reasons why they desired a Council to be convened. Also submitting the following as

THE POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED:

First—It is in accordance with the order and usage of Congregationalism that a member may terminate his membership in a church by absenting himself from its services and communion? or is a corporate and consenting action on the part of the church necessary to such termination of membership?

Second—During the voluntary absence of a member from the ordinance, if specific charges of grossly unchristian conduct are presented against him by a brother in the church—to which charges he declines to answer—it is in accordance with the order and usage of Congregationalism that the Church shall withhold inquiry as to the alleged withdrawal, and in face of such public assertion of his offenses shall treat him as if still unaccused, dropping his name from its roll "without reflection upon him?"

Third—When such a member is charged with having circulated scandals derogatory to the Christian integrity to the pastor and injurious to the reputation of the church, if he be publicly released, by the church which he confronts, without examination of the case and without any further responsibility to it, has the rule of Christ in 18th Chapter of Matthew, concerning the treatment of the trespassing brother, as commonly administered in Congregational churches, been matured? or is it distinctly disregarded, in a case which called for its careful observance?

Fourth—Was the action of the Plymouth Church, in the case of discipline issued by it Oct. 31, 1873, as presented in the published letter, in accordance with the order and usage of Congregational churches? or was it an apparent departure from these, tending, in the circumstances, to injure and offend other churches in fellowship, and warranting approbation and remonstrance on our part?

Fifth—In view of the aforesaid action of Plymouth Church, and of the fact that this is maintained as in accordance with its customary policy, what is the duty, concerning that church, of the churches calling this Council? Especially, what is their duty in regard to continuing in their fellowship with it?

Sixth—In view of the resolution adopted by the Plymouth Church, Dec. 5, 1873, in which its rules are interpreted publicly and with authority, "as relieving all other churches from responsibility for the doctrine, order, and discipline of this church, and this church from all responsibility for those of other churches," what is the duty, concerning that church, of the churches calling this Council? Especially, what action, if any, should they take to release themselves from the mutually responsible connection with it in which they have stood before the Christian public?

Seventh—Have the churches calling this Council acted, in its judgment, in substantial accordance with the principles of Congregationalism, as set forth in our authorized platforms of polity, in the remonstrances and requests addressed by them to the Plymouth Church? or in what respect, if in any, have they erred toward that church, and departed from these principles, in the representations which they have made to it?

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The Printers' Strike at New Orleans.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, March 24.—The trouble between the newspaper proprietors and printers assumes a very stubborn character. The former demand a reduction from 65 to 50 cents per 1,000 ems. The Typographical Union proposed a compromise at 60 cents, which was refused, and that body refuses to go below that point. No papers were issued from the offices of the *Times* and *Picayune* this morning, and those papers will not appear to-morrow. The *Bee* and *Republican* appeared in a rather emaciated condition. The Union, under the Presidency of ex-Mayor Gerard Stith, is a very powerful organization, and at present seems to have the advantage in the fight. The printers to-day issued a paper called the *Daily Bulletin*, and it will appear in good shape to-morrow.

The Eastern Railroad Strikers.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The freightmen of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad who struck for an advance of wages have returned to work at 17½ cents an hour, and the promise of an increase should other companies make an advance.

The Erie Railway Company has resolved not to re-employ any of the men who joined the recent strikers. All the laborers that are wanted are offering now, and their protection at work is guaranteed. The strikers are endeavoring to induce the callers, checkers, and their associates to join them.

THE FLOODS.

Unprecedented Rise in Southern Rivers.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 24.—The officers of the Belle Lee, which arrived from New Orleans this morning, says the river below Napoleon is higher than has ever before been known. About twenty-five miles of the Chicot & Pine Bluff Railroad have been swept away. No further breaks are reported, and, while the country adjacent to Chicot, Ark., and Bolivar, Miss., are under water, no great damage is apprehended.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Thomas Ascoro, the private detective who attained an unenviable notoriety in the famous Edith O'Gorman case, the escaped nun case, in San Francisco, died on Monday last.

—The Grange agricultural implement factory, in Plattsmouth, Neb., is turning out fifty cultivators a day.

—The Ontario Legislature is prorogued until the 4th of May next.

—The elevator cases at Cresco, Ia., against Beadle & Silee, brought for wheat destroyed by fire in their elevator, was decided against the elevator, who will appeal to the Supreme Court, where the question will be passed upon. Fifteen thousand dollars are involved.

—Chancellor Turner, of Selma, Ala., has decreed the sale of the Selma, Rome & Dalton Railroad and all the property of the Company, including 400,000 acres of public land. The decree was on the suit of Johnson & Stewart, Trustees of the first mortgage bondholders.

—The administrators of the estate of the Stelzenreide family, who were murdered near Centreville, Ill., last Thursday night, have offered $1,000 reward, and Gov. Beveridge is expected to add another thousand, for the arrest of the assassins.

—At the election yesterday in Philadelphia for Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the following were chosen for the ensuing year: J. Edgar Thompson, Josiah Bacon, W. Morris, John M. Ramsedy, John Scott (Pittsburgh), Alexander J. Derbyshire, Samuel M. Felton, Alexander Biddle, N. Parker (Shortridge), and Henry M. Phillips.

FINANCIAL.

Meeting of New York Business Men to Consider the Finance Question.

Resolutions Adopted Protesting Against Inflation.

Letter from the Hon. Charles Francis Adams.

Congress Transcended Its Authority in Issuing Irredeemable Paper Currency.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The meeting at Cooper Institute this evening to consider the national finances and the questions arising therefrom was largely attended, and would have been even larger if its inefficiency had not been exposed by yesterday's vote in the House. All the seats in the auditorium were taken, and the aisles near the stage were partly filled. William Cullen Bryant presided over the meeting. Among the speakers were Mr. Bryant, A. A. Low, Elliott C. Cowdin, S. B. Chittenden, Edward Atkinson of Boston, George Opdyke, and William Wood. Nearly all the speakers strenuously denounced inflation, and as warmly advocated a speedy return to specie payments. These views of the subject were accepted, and applauded by the majority of those present, and only a few indications of dissent from them were observable. Resolutions similar in tone to the speeches were offered by Mr. Cowdin, and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Opdyke's opinions differed materially from those of the other speakers. He said so long as the currency was inflated to no greater extent than $400,000,000, he thought there would be no great danger.

MR. ATKINSON'S SPEECH

was the strongest one of the evening. He was loudest in denouncing inflation, and in approving of specie payments. He denounced Butler in the roundest terms as the originator of the Sanborn and Jayne swindles, and characterized those legal methods of stealing from the nation as among the most dangerous leeches that have ever fastened on the Treasury.

[To the Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, March 24.—A mass-meeting of business men of this city was held to-night at the Cooper Institute, to take action on questions of national finance. George Opdyke called the meeting to order, and William Cullen Bryant presided. Resolutions were adopted protesting against any inflation of the currency, and insisting that Congress established free banking or authorized a further issue of National Bank notes the system be based on a solid foundation, and guarded by stringent restrictions; that the law requiring a banking reserve of 25 per cent be maintained, and that one of its fundamental and irrevocable provisions shall be an efficient mode of redemption in coin.

A letter was read from

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS,

in which he says it appears very unfortunate that the administration of the national finances should ever have been permitted to become entangled with a business having no proper connection therewith. The collection of revenue and precise disbursement of the funds thus received being the legitimate duties of the Treasury, the power of Congress to deal with the subject is limited to the establishment of the form of coinage and regulating the value thereof.

CONGRESS TRANSCENDED ITS AUTHORITY

when it assumed the right to issue promises to pay money which it did not at the same time provide any means to pay. The Congressional fulmination of legal-tenders was no more than rank absurdity. If a systematic effort to return to a specie basis is steadily carried out by any permanent measures, business will soon begin to assume a steadiness of support which it has not known for years, and which equivocating or false promises never can supply.

Col. Ethan Allan reads a list of Vice-Presidents, comprising a large number of the most prominent business-men of the city.

Addresses were made by Edward Atkinson, of Boston; S. B. Chittenden, George Opdyke, and William Wood.

CASUALTIES.

Killed by a Fall.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GOSHEN, Ind., March 24.—Peter Sheets, living about 2 miles northwest of Locke, Ind., was almost instantly killed last night. It is supposed his team became frightened at a passing train, and he was thrown out and his neck broken. He was about 40 years of age and leaves a large family to mourn his loss.

Run Over and Killed.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FOND DU LAC, Wis., March 24.—A man named William Haldridge was run over by a careless driver last evening, and so badly hurt that he died two hours later.

A Singular Accident.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 24.—A fatal accident of a very peculiar nature occurred this morning. James Hiebert, a young man employed at the Enterprise coal mines, stumbled against a table while getting out of bed, and struck his neck on a lamp-globe, severing his jugular vein. He bled to death in five minutes.

THE INDIANS.

A Fight with the Apaches—Trouble in Wyoming.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—A dispatch from Tucson, Arizona, states that Maj. Randall had a fight with the Apaches fifteen miles from Florence, and killed eleven Indians and captured thirty women and children. Three soldiers were wounded. Maj. Randall narrowly escaped.

IN WYOMING.

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—Gen. Ord has received the following:

FORT LARAMIE, Wyoming, March 24.—A man from Cook's ranche, near Scott's Bluff, brings information that Sunday afternoon a party of Indians killed a man near the ranche, and ran off all the horses.

my long and active interest in cheap transportation between your chief commercial metropolis, Chicago, and the seaboard. As preliminary, will you permit me to introduce some facts on this subject.

For years past, the reasons for efforts in that direction on the part of the leading business-men of our city have steadily become the more imperative and controlling. The immense surplus of our prairies, increasing largely every year, and often far exceeding all our means of transit, have enabled shippers by lake and rail to make the most extortionate and outrageous charges for freight. Nor is this say the less burdensome, as well herself, because of the attempts made to conceal its injustice.

The opening of the [illegible]

for which the North-west should never cease to be profoundly grateful to the State of New York, gave the first great impulse to the settlement of the States of the Upper St. Lawrence and Mississippi Valleys. A few years later, the [illegible] and the Erie Railways reached Lake Erie, and thence, by transfer of freight, easily to Chicago. Could these great thoroughfares have been honestly managed, and only a fair percentage have been charged on their actual cost in cash, the Northwest would have been vastly richer, and, on the score of freights between [illegible] and the seaboard, would have so [illegible] to make. But the magnates who put the Legislature of the State of New York, not having the fear of God before their eyes, nor a particle of honesty in their hearts, ordered the construction of a large number of [illegible] canals. Which, in the forty years of its existence, the Erie canal itself has yielded some $46,000,000 surplus above [illegible] and [illegible], a million of dollars annually, while the canals, [illegible] would have so [illegible] to make. But the magnates who put the Legislature of the State of New York, not having the fear of God before their eyes, nor a particle of honesty in their hearts, ordered the construction of a large number of [illegible] canals. Which, in the forty years of its existence, the Erie canal itself has yielded some $46,000,000 surplus above [illegible] and [illegible], a million of dollars annually, while the canals, [illegible] would have so [illegible] to make. But the magnates who put the Legislature of the State of New York, not having the fear of God before their eyes, nor a particle of honesty in their hearts, ordered the construction of a large number of [illegible] canals. Which, in the forty years of its existence, the Erie canal itself has yielded some $46,000,000 surplus above [illegible] and [illegible], a million of dollars annually, while the canals, [illegible]

THE RAILWAYS.

In process of time, Commodore Vanderbilt, the most [illegible] unscrupulous land-pirate known in modern civilization, got control of the New York Central Railroad, and he has watered its stock again and again, till he owns it and has stuffed it with [illegible] between Chicago and the West at least 40—more likely 60—per cent on the cost of his road. There seems to be no possible way to abate this horrible extortionist. But the day cannot be distant when he must submit to the just demands of the people, or his millions [illegible] from the West cannot "buy out the law." Humanity—certainly we of the West—will have no tears to shed at his departure. The Erie Road has ruined no better. While controlling it, Jim Fisk and Jay Gould issued perhaps twice as much stock as the road originally cost, and then stole that as well; and the present and future shareholders must pay, by force, if possible, or [illegible] their tolls so as to yield 6 to 10 per cent on the nominal value of its stock. The New York and the State of New York have consented to [illegible] legislation—these stupendous frauds upon the commerce and the property of the West. Mark how true it is that "what we sow that shall we also reap."

THE ST. LAWRENCE ROUTE.

The rapid extension of railways west from Chicago in the decade between 1850-'60 convinced the shrewd business men of Chicago that the Erie Canal and our two or three trunk-railways to the seaboard were totally inadequate, even if honestly and energetically managed, to our future growth to the ocean. They wisely dived upon the lakes and the mighty St. Lawrence as the only route that could be made of sufficient capacity to meet the commercial necessities of the West. Accordingly, in early as [illegible], our Board of Trade sent a committee to attend a convention at Toronto to take into consideration the importance of constructing a ship-canal from the Georgian Bay to Ontario, or some other equally practicable route to the ocean that would do as well. The Board has been represented in several other Canadian conventions; and in March, 1871, sent a delegation to Ottawa, headed by Mr. Cumming, who laid the facts, showing the vast growth of the Northwest, and the necessities of the vast commerce, before that body. The Committee were most courteously received; but, as [illegible] out nothing any more than is [illegible] the efforts and the ongoing of our Board of Trade, in keeping these facts before the Dominion Government and people, there is now no [illegible] of dollars to be expended by the Welland and the St. Lawrence Canals to a capacity for vessels of 1,500 tons burden. It is with the greatest satisfaction I say it [illegible] that the great highway for the commerce of the North-west is to be constructed at once, and these years. It is scarcely possible to estimate the value of this improvement to all our people; for all who understand the subject know that it will reduce the price of freights between Chicago and [illegible] nearly, if not quite, one-half—a saving of 12 cents per bushel would add to the value of the grain alone shipped from Chicago last year more than $8,000,000; and of 6 cents, nearly $4,500,000. It will surely add much to the value of land. New York has [illegible] and, until recently, by her State Comptroller, has given the Legislature

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of the impending danger. He [illegible] that, when the Welland Canal is enlarged, the freight between Chicago and Montreal will be $4.50 per ton, or about 10 cents per bushel. The average rate by the lakes and canal between Chicago and New York the last seven years has been, [illegible] per ton, or about 36 cents per bushel. The enlargement of the Erie Canal, the reduction of its tolls to the actual cost of repairs and management, and the driving out of the vampires on the line of the canal, will reduce the rate [illegible] millions per annum produced every year by the main line, are an imperative necessity if New York would retain its grain-trade of the West. But it won't do. The foreign grain-trade of the Lakes is sure to go down the St. Lawrence, as the sum of the year of grace 1871 is to bless the earth with its presence. With the grain-trade, most of the other export and import trade will surely go. But this is not all.

A NEW AND SHORTER ROUTE

will be finished to Chicago this year. It reaches the city now over two other lines, and is bringing freight from Boston to Chicago for 20 cents per hundred, or 56 cents per bushel, which is [illegible] by other routes. It has transported 3,000,000 of bushels of grain to the seaboard last year, without the shrinkage of more than a bushel per car; while by New York, the best [illegible] another name for stealing, is set down at 2 per cent. It is [illegible] 15 cents per bushel, while to New York it was 27. The distance to Baltimore is 150 miles shorter than it is to New York. The Road has been built [illegible] and is steadily [illegible] and all its [illegible] require is a fair dividend on that cost. No infamous Vanderbilt has ever been permitted to water its stock, and no Jim Fisks and Jay Goulds to steal its capital and its earnings. Hence, why full 150 miles [illegible] the St. Lawrence [illegible] capable of passing vessels of 1,000 tons burden, thereby reducing the freight on a bushel of grain to [illegible] to 10 or 12 cents, and the Baltimore & Ohio Railway as the shortest line for [illegible] and [illegible] in the most economical manner, New York, before five years shall have passed away, will feel deeply, in all departments of her trade, the paralyzing effect of the [illegible] which her [illegible] have practiced. It may seem like presumption, but I declare here and now, my firm conviction that within that time [illegible] as my monopoly, of the commerce of this country will be [illegible] with a power [illegible] never forever. She may retain her pride, her vast wealth, and, sad to say, her dishonesty and extortion, for many years; but, while God is just, in spite of the efforts made to gloss them over by legal enactments, she cannot escape the punishment due to her crimes.

WATER-LINES.

And now, with the prospect, sure to be realized, of low freights between Lake Michigan and the seaboard,—the "good time coming," for which, if our Canadian friends do not fail us, we have to labor and wait only three short years, it is well that we look at the [illegible] especially our Board of Trade, turn their attention westward, to see what relief can be found in that direction. A great deal has been written about the ability of railways to compete with water lines, [illegible] but, if they can, they certainly take no warrantable advantages when not forced to low rates by the competition of water-lines of transit. The report of the Board of Trade for 1873 shows the [illegible] of [illegible] between Chicago and New York, from the 1st of January to April 15, was 39 cents. The rate steadily settled till, between May 21 and Sept. 4, it was 27 cents. During the latter period, by lake and canal, the average rate was 20 cents. The fact is evident, that, during the season of active navigation, all-rail freight is were forced down about 33 cents by the competition of water-transit. This saving added hundreds of thousands of dollars to the wealth of our people during [illegible], and shows the value of the competition of the lakes and canal with the railways.

The Hon. L. D. Whiting, in an elaborate speech before the Illinois Constitutional Convention, in 1870, showed, from [illegible] figures, based upon the tonnage passing through the Erie Canal, and the relative cost of freights by canal and railway, that, in the years 1865-6, and ⅞, $43,221,000 was saved to the public by the canal. His estimate that one-fourth of this tonnage came from Illinois is certainly within the mark. That would give to our State a saving of more than $4,000,000 in three years, or $1,333,000 per year. Mr. Whiting might have added that, had not the tolls been kept so high, that a million of surplus was realized to support the political hacks who sat at their ease watching the worthless lateral canals, the saving to Illinois would have been at least two million more per year instead of one. And, besides, it should not be forgotten that, had it not been for the competition of the canal, Vanderbilt and his co-conspirators would have taxed the life entirely out of the commerce of the West.

Take an illustration from our own canal. Daniel C. Jenne, Esq., Chief-Engineer of the Illinois River Improvement, in his report dated Dec. 1, 1870, states that the freight on corn per bushel, from Henry to Chicago, 130 miles, was 6 cents, and for wheat 6 cents. The rate by rail was 7, and nearly 2.10 for corn, and 12.4 for wheat. The Railway Commissioners have put down these rates; but there is still from 2 to 4 cents in favor of the water-route. The railway-freight on a bushel of wheat from St. Paul to Chicago is now (March 5th) 21 to 22 cents. The competition by river and lake, after the Mississippi and Lake Superior open, may reduce it 3 to 5 cents. All experience and comparison go to show that, if, by the Mississippi and this canal, were it completed, the rates could not be materially reduced. In good stages of water, when a single steamer can tow barges containing tens of thousands of bushels, was 6 cents, and for wheat 6 cents, beyond a question, be reduced to 12, possibly to 10 cents, and probably even below that. I have not been able, while preparing this address, to get at the survey and estimates for this canal, and have, therefore, reserve the discussion of that part of the subject to others; but that it will greatly lessen the price of freights on the products of all the territory bordering on the Mississippi, above Burlington, there would be a parallelism of dollars. That it will, therefore, add largely to the wealth and the prosperity of the people who dwell there, is equally evident.

THEIR PRODUCTS.

The figures of the United States census for 1869 are now far below the real facts; but let us examine them as the best we have at hand. The wheat produced in the four States to be benefited by this canal was as follows:

	Bushels.
Iowa	29,435,502
Minnesota	16,825,273
Wisconsin	25,009,344
Illinois	33,138,495
Total	104,408,614

If we estimate that [illegible] of what is produced in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin is used for home consumption, or sent [illegible] through [illegible] channels, and add to the other quarter the wheat of Illinois, what is produced in Illinois,—not an over-estimate, as is believed, for the counties bordering on the canal and the Mississippi,—we shall have at least 20,000,000 bushels of wheat the freight on which would be favorably affected by the competition of this canal. In the matter of corn, leave out of this canal. In the matter of corn, leave out Minnesota, for it produces very little, and add [illegible] Illinois, and one-fortieth of what was raised in Iowa, and one-fortieth of what was raised in Illinois,—the largest corn districts are south of the line of this canal,—and we have about 14,000,000 bushels of corn whose freight would be affected by the thoroughfare. Suppose the benefit to the farmer to only 3 cents per bushel, that would put into the pockets of the producers of these two cereals, in the States named, $1,260,000 every year for all time to come after the canal is finished. It will do much more than that, for it would lessen the price of freights in a corresponding ratio on all the lines competing for the transportation of whatever of the other three-fourths of the crop might not be left over for home-consumption.

I have not the cost of the canal stated at $4,000,000. It will be admitted from the above facts that its value to the people benefited by it would yield a very large percentage on that figure.

I might take the ratio of the

INCREASE OF POPULATION

in six Northwestern States, and show, by comparisons which I fancy you would all accept, that, in the year of grace 1900, these will be at least 30,000,000 people living but [illegible] Lake Michigan and the Rocky Mountains. The same facts and reasonings would seem to promise Chicago, in 1900, a population of 800,000. It may, probably will, fall short of that; but I will say that, she and the Northwest as well, has always far outstripped any estimate which I, or any one else, dared to make of her progress. So the facts in regard to the increase of other farming, and also of manufactured products, of our railway-extensions, of the number of acres brought under cultivation in every decade—all show the rapid growth of the Northwest, and, by consequence, of the necessity for the construction of this canal. If it has been well said, that it will do for the States bordering on the Upper Lakes and Mississippi, and for Chicago, during on the Upper Lakes and Mississippi, and for Chicago, during on the Upper Lakes and Mississippi, and for Chicago, during

THE COURTS.

The Divorce Case of Bruce vs. Bruce.

A Strong Effort to Keep the Matter Quiet.

The Meeker Will Suit—The Cheney Case Continued.

Judgments, New Suits, Etc.

A QUIET DIVORCE.

A very quiet proceeding for a divorce has just been nearly concluded before Judge Farwell, in which Benjamin Bruce, Jr., is the complainant and Mary Gridley Bruce, daughter of the well-known Judge Gridley, of Bloomington, Ill., the defendant. The bill, which was filed in July, 1873, sets out that the parties were married in Bloomington on the 10th of January, 1871. They came here and lived until the 20th of June of the same year, when Mrs. Bruce suddenly deserted him and returned to her home, where she has since remained. Complainant charges that he has written her several times asking her to come back to him, and offering her a home, but she has refused, and Bruce claims to be entitled to a divorce on the ground of desertion.

Monday afternoon about half-past 5 o'clock, after the various clerks had left, the complainant and his attorneys, and Judge J. O. Norton, Corporation Counsel, who entered his appearance semi-officially for Mrs. Bruce, assembled in secret session in the court-room, and proceeded, after a laborious effort, one page of testimony, that of the complainant, who corroborated the principal allegations of the bill. A decree, very neatly written, was drawn and brought in to the Judge for his signature yesterday noon, at a time when hungry mortals, including reporters, are most apt to be at dinner. The decree, omitting the formal part, states that: "It appearing, from the pleadings on file in this cause, and the testimony adduced in open court, that the said complainant has sustained the allegations contained in his bill of complaint, on file in said cause, therefore it is hereby ordered and decreed that the marriage heretofore existing between the said Benjamin Bruce, Jr., and the said Mary Gridley Bruce be, and the same is hereby, dissolved, and the said parties are each restored to their rights as though the said marriage had never been entered into."

"It is also decreed that the said Mary Gridley Bruce be permitted to resume her maiden name."

"And, finally, that this decree be irrevocable."

Judge Farwell, however, wanted to have it shown for what cause the divorce was granted. He would not have any decree made in the dark. It was entirely too general to say that the allegations of the bill were proven, the facts should be stated.

In the meantime Judge Norton and a young lawyer had stepped up to the Judge's desk, where the remainder of the discussion was carried on. The young man insinuated in a very mild tone that he thought it would be sufficient that the allegations of desertion had been mentioned in the bill and again in the testimony, without a third statement, but the Judge was of a very different opinion. The young man was evidently averse to having the subject roughly handled or more than whispered. Judge Norton, with his usual blood smile and don't-it-for-granted-way, sauntered around the room, but with many troubled glances at a person who stood a few feet off with no visible occupation except occasionally making a few marks with a pencil.

The next objection the Judge made was to the paragraph in the decree allowing the defendant to resume her maiden name, and he mildly intimated there was no statute for it. The Deputy Circuit Clerk thought certainly there was, but an examination of the statute showed that where the wife was complainant she might be allowed if desired to take her maiden name,—no provision for her when a defendant. In view of the fact that the two main paragraphs of the decree were altered, the Judge made no objection to final line, but remarked that he would change the decree to conform with his opinion, and it may be remembered by those that desire to shovel the beautiful writing and vague statements will be a thing of the past. A few minutes after, when the Judge had justleft forthwith, the young man again entered the court-room and asked the Clerk when the Judge would return. He evidently was very anxious to have the affair closed up before the eye of a reporter had seen the documents, and when the Judge had taken the papers a few moments he showed the unmistakable symptoms of disgust at the law's delays. This increased when he learned that the Judge would not be in for some time. After lingering a few minutes, and attempting to ascertain the place where Judge Farwell took dinner, he left, and was shortly afterward seen discussing the question of costs with a Clerk of the Circuit Court, Mr. Smith. At the close of court on Monday afternoon no decree had been entered, and, unless an extra session was held last night, Mr. Bruce himself was obliged to remain a married man over night.

The father of the defendant is widely known in McLean County as an eminent Judge, and is a very wealthy man. It is not known definitely what circumstances interrupted the happiness of the couple after only six months of wedded bliss. The marriage was a notable one, and a full account of it was published at the time in the Chicago papers. A special train was chartered for the occasion, carpets extended from the carriage to the house, and everything betokened years of happiness. Rumor says that the lady's temper was not quite angelic, and other reports for the trouble at the husband's door, and assert that he was not what a young husband should be. Whether this was true or not, the result of a mutual arrangement between the parties, and great efforts have been made to keep it utterly beyond the knowledge of any one, but, as Mr. Bruce will learn this morning, without success.

ITEMS.

The Meeker will case, before Judge Moore, is drawing a large house, and the court-room is crowded the most of the day. The defense are introducing testimony to show the sanity of Mr. Meeker up to the time of his death.

The Cheney case has again been postponed. Judge Williams, being somewhat indisposed, has left the city for a week and the case will probably be resumed next Tuesday.

An odd verdict was rendered yesterday in the case of Delia Cusick against the West Division Railway Company, which has been occupying the attention of Judge Burns and a jury for the past few days. The action was to recover damages for an alleged fall from the defendants' cars, which occasioned a miscarriage to the plaintiff. The evidence was rather weak and the jury undecided, but the matter was finally settled by returning a verdict for the plaintiff for $333.33.

In the case of John Jassoy a bankrupt, a petition was filed some time ago by the debtor himself, to obtain an injunction against a creditor who had filed a creditor's bill against him to discover some real estate which he had conveyed. The argument on the question was heard and Judge Drummond delivered a decision yesterday, refusing the injunction for the present, and allowing the case to proceed in the State Court to determine its extent, if any, of the bankrupt's claim or interest in the property alleged to be held by the judgment, without, however, causing any expense to the estate; and if it was ascertained that the bankrupt had any interest in the property, and that it did not belong wholly to his wife, as claimed by them, then the creditor in the State Court should come into this Court for the assistance of his claim.

UNITED STATES COURTS.

Marcus S. Brown began a suit in assumpsit against O. D. Orris, claiming $9,000.

BANKRUPTCY ITEMS.

A. Van Valkenburgh & Co., of New York, filed a petition in bankruptcy against N. S. McDowell and J. A. McDowell, of Pontiac and Fairbury, Livingston County. Petitioners claim $1,737.11 for their goods sold, and charged the debtors with having made preferential payments to L. M. Bates & Co., of New York. Their assets are about $23,000, and their liabilities $32,000. A rule to show cause April 7 was issued.

SUPERIOR COURT IN BRIEF.

Rockardt Thau began a suit in replevin against Bernhardt Wirk and William Goeffker to recover a kiln of brick valued at $1,300.

Rosenau & Co. brought suit against W. B. Smith, H. B. Chamberlain, and —— Moore, claiming $1,500.

Charles B. Colton commenced a suit in trespass against Joseph D. Jones, R. S. Martin, and S. E. Hunter, laying damages at $25,000.

James Murphy also sued the same parties in assumpsit, claiming $10,000.

The Second National Bank of Chicago began an action for $6,500 against Jacob J. Burbach.

R. S. Masters brought suit for $8,000 in Superior court against Alfred Harrington.

William M. Rice, for the use of George F. Wilcox, sued Sylvester Wheelock, claiming $1,000.

Hannah Sharp filed a precipe in assumpsit against Anthony Haskamp and Edward Murphy, claiming $2,000.

Charles Sumner began a suit in debt against the Trustees of the Rush Medical College, laying damages at $2,000.

Gottlieb Backmann commenced a suit in replevin against George B. Griffin and T. M. Bradley, to recover a two-story house valued at $1,200.

Charles B. Saxton sued Orrin L. Mann for $1,000.

Elizabeth Kirchhoff began a suit against Eva Singer and Jacob Singer, claiming $2,500 for a breach of covenant.

The First National Bank of Battle Creek sued Nehemiah Hawkins, for $1,000.

THE COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Catherine McManus, letters of administration, with the will annexed, were issued to Charles E. Towne, under an approved bond of $2,000.

In the matter of the estate of Hannah Henry, her will was proven, and letters of administration, with the will annexed, will be issued to A. W. Muller upon filing his bond for $1,600.

The will of William Hart was proven, and letters testamentary were issued to Joseph N. Barker and John Quigley, and their individual bond of $40,000 was approved.

The will of Mary E. Duryea was proven, and letters testamentary were issued to Joseph N. Barker; his individual bond of $7,000 was approved.

THE CALL.

JUDGE ROGERS—79 to 100, except 82, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89, 92, 93, 94, 97, and 98.

JUDGE TREE—1,883, 1,543, 2,227, 1,803, and others, if reached.

JUDGE FARWELL—1,057 to 1,075.

JUDGE GARY—122, 125, 127, 129, 130, 131, 132, 135, 137 to 146.

JUDGE BLAKE—116, 113, 115, 116, and 118 to 133.

JUDGMENTS.

SUPERIOR COURT—CONFESSIONS—Wyman Flint, John G. Flint, and Oscar Barker v. Henry Schultz and F. G. Taylor, $463.28.

JUDGE GARY—First National Bank v. Robert McClelland, surviving partner of David L. De Golyer, $16,112.85.—Wilmington Star Coal Company v. James H. Laughlin, $247.44.—John Adams and Isaac Eldridge v. Isaac Hoge, $1,589.61.

JUDGE JAMESON—Leander Reed v. Mrs. Walker; verdict, $238.40. Motion for a new trial.

JUDGE BURNS—Delia Cusick v. West Division Railway Company; verdict, $333.33. Motion for a new trial.—Francis Edwards v. George De Clercq; verdict, $1,160.61. Motion for new trial.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

ST. LOUIS SURGERY.

A very unique piece of silicon work is on exhibition in the office of the St. James Hotel. It is a production emanating from St. Louis surgical art, and came here under the following circumstances: Thursday, March 12, Mr. C. W. Baldwin, who was engaged in the construction of one of W. E. Hale & Co's water-elevators in the Lindell Hotel, had occasion to go up to the fifth floor in the car. The machine had not been finished and was not in use except for the purpose of raising material, but as Mr. Baldwin was accustomed to running it, he anticipated no danger. Unfortunately, however, the beam to which the tackle and fall was attached, broke just as he got to the fifth story, and a piece of the timber fell and struck him on the head, inflicting a severe cut, and felling him to the ground senseless. As he weighs 230 pounds, and fell in a cramped position upon his right side, with his leg under him, the muscles of the limb were very much wrenched and bruised. The car being detached from the fracture which Mr. Baldwin had been holding, descended at its usual speed to the lower floor, where Mr. Baldwin's condition was perceived by some gentlemen, who picked him up and asked him if he was hurt. He said no, and walked alone to a drug-store opposite. Dr. Kennard was sent for to attend the injury, and pronounced that his patient was sound except for the sprains and bruises. Upon receiving this intelligence, Mr. Baldwin walked to his room on the second floor, ascended the stairway of thirty steps, and went to his room in the back part of the building unaided.

For a day or two succeeding the accident, Dr. Kennard continued to visit his patient, but as he complained considerably of his leg on the third day, the Doctor advised him to call in a surgeon, and in accordance with this desire, Dr. Hammer, who has a fine reputation as a surgeon, was asked to make another examination of the injured member. The result of the several examinations made upon this request was the decision and promulgation of a written diagnosis to the effect that a fracture of the hip-joint had been received, and also that the skull had been broken by the falling joist. This was a sad decision to poor Baldwin, who was not at all pleased with the prospect before him. First, that he would have to spend three months in bed; next, that he would suffer considerably both in body and purse, for the cost of attendance would be $1,000 at least; and finally, he had important business in Chicago that must be attended to. This last consideration was so urgent, in fact, that he told the attending surgeon that he must get to Chicago at all hazards.

And now the thing occurred that caused this long story. Dr. Hammer conceived the idea of doug up Baldwin's leg in a calcined mortar cast, which would hold it in an immovable position until the limb had set. This was done. The limb was wrapped and rewrapped with woolen bandages, and then covered with a piece of mosquito netting, after which the fluid plaster of Paris was applied. The patient had to endure these operations for two mortal hours, during which he was stretched upon a platform, and raised as the bandages were wrapped about him by means of a narrow strap passed under the small of his back, while two attendants lifted the lower part of his body as required. The job of torture was finally finished, and Baldwin was allowed to lie on the bed and contemplate his magnified appendage, which looked like a section of the Chicago giant, and to reflect on the prospect of remaining in bed with this cold joint for three months to come.

Saturday, arrangements having been made to that effect, Mr. Baldwin was conveyed to the Chicago Depot in an ambulance, and put aboard a palace car for this city, where he arrived Sunday morning, and was at once conveyed to the St. James Hotel. It seems that he had misgivings all along, and had repeatedly said to the physicians that they were mistaken about the serious nature of his injuries, and Monday Dr. Jackson, of this city, was called in to consult. Upon hearing that he had been able to walk after the accident, this gentleman at once said that it was impossible that there could have been a fracture of the hip, as the diagnosis stated, and he also pronounced the cut in the head a mere flesh wound. At his suggestion, Dr. Gunn was called in, and, as he coincided in Dr. Jackson's opinion, hammer and chisel were brought into requisition, and after a half-hour's work the covering was neatly divided and removed, and Mr. Baldwin was himself again. He was so gratified at this that he stood up and, at the request of the gentlemen, turned the foot of his lame leg backwards and forwards, proving conclusively that there was and had been no fracture. In a short time, with rest and quiet, he will be entirely restored. And now what shall be done with this last proof of St. Louis enterprise? It would make a good monument, and can be bought for that purpose. Perhaps it would be the handsome thing to buy it by public subscription and donate it to one of the St. Louis medical institutions.

TOWN ELECTIONS.

THE WEST SIDE CONVENTION.

Another attempt was made yesterday afternoon to hold a Convention for the nomination of candidates for town officers for West Chicago. The first failure was Monday afternoon, when it was decided to adjourn until yesterday, for the reason that only one or two wards were represented. The attendance yesterday afternoon was very large, but not of a character to inspire confidence in the candidates selected by such a body of ward politicians and bummers. Almost the only exception to the rule was Mr. Henry Greenebaum, who was present, but took no active part in the proceedings. H. B. Miller was there in all his glory, the centre of an admiring crowd of smaller fry. He was full of expedients and sharp tactics, as usual, and it was more than anything else, owing to his shrewd management that the "Convention" did not break up in a row. As it was, the elements were inharmonious and discordant, and it is safe to presume that no weight whatever should be attached to any nominations made yesterday afternoon. Two wards—the Seventh and Fourteenth—were not represented at all, while in several cases there were two or three sets of delegates to a ward, each sent in from some saloon-caucus packed in the interest of some particular candidate. There were exhibited a few premonitory symptoms of the squabble that was certain to arise in the event of an attempt to confer nominations, but all this was happily averted by an early adjournment.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Charles King, who had been chosen temporary Chairman of the gathering of Monday.

On motion of H. B. Miller, who was himself nominated, but did not desire to act in that capacity, Mr. King was chosen permanent Chairman. Mr. Gaffercy was elected Secretary.

The report of delegates from the Eighth Ward created a disturbance. The regularity of the election of the delegates was disputed, and there seemed no likelihood of coming to an understanding.

Mr. Miller averted the impending rumpus by saying he did not consider this Convention properly called, and the ticket nominated would not meet with any support. He favored the appointment of a committee of five to call a caucus in every ward Saturday evening, to appoint delegates to a Convention to be held Tuesday.

A motion was adopted to appoint a committee of one in each ward to call a caucus in each ward Saturday night.

There was much dissatisfaction at this result, and calls were made for a division, but the Chair decided the motion adopted, and appointed the Committee, as follows: Seventh, P. J. Hickey; Eighth, John O'Brien; Ninth, John T. Mullen; Tenth, Thomas Gough; Eleventh, Charles King; Twelfth, George Von Hollen; Thirteenth, H. B. Miller; Fourteenth, James M. Warren; Fifteenth, John F. Koch.

H. B. Miller moved that there be five delegates at the Convention.

Joseph Wilde moved that the representation be based upon the vote cast at the last election.

The amendment was lost, by reason of excessive yelling when it came to the ayes, and the motion for five delegates was carried, whereupon the meeting adjourned sine die.

The Committee of one from each ward are requested to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the *Staats-Zeitung* Building.

THE FIFTEENTH WARD.

A meeting of the voters of the Fifteenth Ward was held last night in a saloon, No. 274 Milwaukee avenue, and was called to order by Charles E. Scharlau, Deputy-Sheriff of Cook County.

Ex-Ald. William Garfield was appointed permanent Chairman, and the Deputy-Sheriff Secretary. Mr. Scharlau stated that the meeting was supposed to be composed of the voters of the Fifteenth Ward, but he noticed familiar faces from other wards. The meeting was for the interest of the Town of West Chicago, and intimated that the Fifteenth Ward would then and there put in nomination a ticket for the voters of the West Side.

Mr. McIntire moved an adjournment until they heard the result of the Conference Committee appointed at the West Side Turner Hall. The motion was lost.

Mr. Scharlau then moved the appointment of five delegates to represent the ward in the nominating convention of the Town of West Chicago. This motion was carried, and the following persons chosen delegates: J. C. Brown, Hannah Sokup, Charles Walsum, Herman Basler, and Michael Franey. On motion the meeting then adjourned.

THE TWENTIETH WARD.

A meeting of the People's party of the Twentieth Ward was held last evening in their headquarters, No. 74 North Clark street, the object being to consider the nominations made at Turner Hall Monday. It seems the persons nominated do not quite satisfy the taxpayers of their division, and another ticket will be placed in the field. On motion, Mr. Fred Becker was called to the chair, and Nicholas Kuhnen was elected Secretary. After speeches by Messrs. James McAuley, Fred Wolfsen, M. Corcoran, James Conley, ex-Ald. McCaffrey, and others, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. McAuley, Wolfsen, and Conley were appointed to select delegates to meet in convention Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in Svea Hall, corner of Superior and Wells streets. The committee retired, and, after a short absence, returned with the following list, which was unanimously confirmed: Ald. Julius Jonas, Herman Small, M. Corcoran, George Oriel, and George H. O'Brien.

A resolution was then passed calling upon the wards in the North Division to select delegates to meet in convention Monday afternoon for the purpose of nominating candidates for election on the 7th of April. After the transaction of other business the meeting adjourned.

THE UNION PARK BAPTIST CHURCH.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Union Park Baptist Church was held yesterday evening. There were present P. T. Burtis, Chairman, and Messrs. W. W. Bingham, F. A. Baymer, Jr., O. J. Jacobus, and A. W. Kingsland.

Before the meeting was called to order Treasurer Kingsland excited a rather hot controversy, through stating that he had paid out $325 for expenses in connection with the Church and that he would not pay out any more. He stated that a number of the supporters of Mr. McCarthy had given up their pews, were paying no rent, and yet were seen in the church every Sunday. Coal was wanted for the Council meeting, but he would not have anything to do with the getting of it. He scouted Mr. Bingham of being two months behind hand in his pew-rent, but the latter stated that he did it on principle, and not on account of any want of cash in the money. Finally he stated that he wanted to give up the Treasurership.

The meeting got finally to work, when, on motion of Mr. Kingsland, it was resolved that the Board instruct the Treasurer to accept an order on them for $430, drawn by Mr. McCarthy in favor of Mr. J. B. Dutch. Mr. Kingsland stated that Mr. Dutch had promised, as soon as the order was accepted, that suit against Mr. McCarthy should be withdrawn. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Dutch of the acceptance of the draft.

Mr. Kingsland asked whether it was the intention of the Trustees to keep the church running. He was sick of paying out money for the church, and being eternally besieged by duns on its account. If the friends of Mr. McCarthy did not stand their share of the church's expenses he would send in his resignation. The Treasurer's ability rested on the rest of the Trustees as well as on him, and he thought they should "shove up the ducats" immediately.

Mr. Bingham said he was not going to go back on the pew-rent, but he did not think the Deacons ought to run the church.

Mr. Kingsland insisted that Mr. Bingham should either pay his pew-rent, or say when he would pay it.

Mr. Bingham thought Mr. Kingsland intended to insult him.

Mr. Kingsland said that he would peremptorily resign his position as Treasurer, and would next morning send along the treasury-box and all the papers connected with the office.

Mr. Burtis wanted to know what would become of that draft of Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Kingsland stated that everybody connected with the church was starving on account of the non-payment of pew-rent by Mr. McCarthy's friends. The old sexton was losing flesh palpably, and even the church cat was becoming thin from want of food. He should be carried at least two miles beyond the crib.

On motion, Dr. Miller was delegated to learn from the Corporation Counsel whether the Board had authority over the waters of the lake, and also as to the exact distance the refuse was carried out into the lake.

A proposition was received from the Scavenger, offering to do a large portion of his work between 7 p. m. and 6 a. m. It was referred to the Sanitary Superintendent and Health Officer with power to act.

Dr. Schloetzer read a paper on puerperal fever, showing that it had killed many women during the last two months, and, on his motion, the Sanitary Committee was directed to draw up a memorial regarding the disease and its prevention, and to send a copy to all the midwives and practising physicians in the city.

The Board then adjourned.

CRIMINAL.

Before Judge Booth yesterday, in the Criminal Court, the young man who fired a pistol-shot at Officers Bellows and Ebinger was permitted to plead guilty to the charge of "assault with intent to do bodily injury," and he was remanded for sentence.

The case of the two junk dealers, Albert and Isaac Felsenthal, who were convicted of receiving brass journals belonging to the Northwestern Railway, knowing them to have been stolen from the road, and to whom a new trial was granted, was yesterday called up before Judge Booth, and, on motion of the defendants' attorney, their case was continued till the April term.

Joseph Jones, a poor carpenter, who had pleaded guilty to the larceny of a robe, was brought in for sentence. His character heretofore being good, and the poor fellow pleading extreme poverty as the cause of the larceny, Judge Booth let him off with ten days in the County Jail.

Pat Dolan and John Deignan were before Justice Scully, of the West Side Police Court, yesterday morning, charged with larceny, and were held in bonds of $500 each to the Criminal Court.

Patrick Handraw alias Henry Palfer, was before the Armory Police Court yesterday charged with robbery. His case was continued till the 27th inst., and he was committed in default of bail of $500.

The fines of Justice Boyden's Court yesterday footed up $154, but only $18 was paid. Judge Scully's footed up $188, one fine amounting to $100. A very small portion of this was collected.

Anna McGinley is an old offender, and has been before Judge Scully no less than ten different times during the past six months. Yesterday she was again up for disorderly conduct. She was fined $100, which will place her at the Bridewell for the ensuing seven months.

George Smith and Albert Bue are two young men who were arrested by Officer Flynn Monday evening at the corner of Randolph and Canal streets, charged with obtaining a complete outfit of clothing from a clothing merchant on West Madison street, and giving in payment therefor a forged check. The young men are held together with the clothing, at the Union street lock-up. When the suits are identified, the boys will be disposed of by Judge Scully.

On the night of the 17th inst., in a drunken row at Bridgeport, Thomas Smith, Thomas Monighan, and John Nolan committed an assault on one James McGuire, kicking and injuring him to such an extent that he died yesterday morning, at 6 o'clock, in the County Hospital, from the wounds thus inflicted. Dr. D. A. K. Steele, of the Hospital, appeared before Justice Boyden yesterday afternoon and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the parties, under the charge of manslaughter, and placed the same in the hands of Detective Ellis to make the arrest. The Coroner's inquest will be held this morning at the County Hospital, at 10 o'clock.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Pani Schoeppe has been delivered over to Detective Dixon by the Maryland authorities, and will be here in a couple of days.

The types made us say, in the report of the meeting Monday evening of the Sunday Afternoon Lecture Society, that Prof. Swing was one of the lecturers engaged. It was written that Prof. Mathews would lecture. Mr. Swing's true position in relation to the Society was given in another sentence of the report. He reserves his decision upon the enterprise.

Detective "Allen," of Chicago, otherwise ex-Capt. Louis J. Lull, who was wounded near Monagan Springs, Md., by the Younger brothers, is not dead, as reported, but is now expected to recover. His wife arrived at Roscoe a day or two ago, and is nursing him.

"Eli Perkins" repeated his lecture last night at Kingsbury Music Hall. The attendance was much larger than on the preceding evening.

Mr. George O. Garnsey, the architect, of this city, who has been spending six months in various parts of Europe, examining and studying art and architecture, returned home yesterday.

The Rev. E. P. Goodwin, D. D., the pastor of the First Congregational Church of this city, left Chicago for Brooklyn, where he goes to attend the Council which will convene there to-day to consider the Plymouth (Henry Ward Beecher's) Church difficulty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

"Lord Bacon, and His Philosophy," will be the subject of Prof. Haven's lecture this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Methodist Episcopal Church lecture-room.

To-day being the Feast of the Annunciation B. V. M., there will be morning prayer and a celebration at St. Peter's Episcopal Mission Chapel, 328 and 330 State street, opposite Congress, at 10 a. m.

Miss Brittan, of India, will deliver an address at the First Congregational Church this evening, at 7½ o'clock.

Mrs. Oates will appear this evening at the Academy with her charming company, in "Les Bavards," in which she will take the part of *Rolaud*. At the Saturday matinee, for which no announcement has yet been made, the "Flower Girl of Paris," which was played last night, will be repeated.

The lunch dinners by the ladies at 172 Madison street, in aid of the Foundlings' Home, at which thousands have fared sumptuously for the last ten days, will close this afternoon. In all respects, these dinners have been a grand success, and the ladies by whom they have been given deserve the highest commendation. It has been a real pleasure for all to take dinner at that extemporized institution, where the ladies have shown such fine abilities in administering to the wants of men. To-day is the last opportunity to aid in determining who is the most popular minister in Chicago, and who shall obtain the oil painting. The votes are 10 cents each, and Prof. Swing, C. D. Helmer, De. Goodwin, A. E. Kittredge, Robert Collyer, Dr. Thomas, and others, are among the popular candidates. The polls close to-day at 3:30 p. m.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

LAKE.

The Trustees met at the Town Hall, Monday, all the members of the Board being present. The following bills were allowed: T. Kelly & Co., for outdoor relief, $30; Clark, Raffen & Co., repairing Town Hall, $60; Girard Insurance Company, for insurance, $75; Culver, Page, Hoyne & Co., stationery, $12; and Wheeler, Chapman & Co., burners in Town Hall, $5.75,—making a total of $182.75.

The following was offered by Mr. Colman, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Assessor and Collector be, and are hereby instructed to furnish the County Clerk and the South Park Commissioners a certificate certified to by the Town Clerk, and attested by the town seal, stating that Mason avenue was located from Reuben street to Western avenue in 1836, and graded in 1870, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Lake.

The communication from J. T. Foster stating that he had preserved his field-notes while in the employ of the town, and was willing to put the unfinished plats to the date of the fire on the town atlas for nothing, and all since that time to the present date for 1¼ cents per lot, was referred.

A petition from J. S. Young and others requesting the Board to open Fifty-sixth street, from Wentworth avenue to Stewart, to the width of 99 feet, was referred.

Mr. Plant being present, was allowed to make a statement in relation to Layton street. It appears that 33 feet of the street has been dedicated for about two blocks, and the rest has not been offered, nor is it likely, and he now wanted the Board to grade that portion which is dedicated, so as to make the road useful. The road was ordered to be graded under the direction of the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

An ordinance was ordered to be drafted providing for a sidewalk on both sides of Butterfield and Burnside streets, from Forty-first to the dummy-track, and on the north side of the dummy-track from Clark to State street.

A petition was received from H. A. Judd and several others for a sidewalk on Sixty-first street from Halsted to Ashland avenue, and referred back for more signers on the proposed line of said sidewalk.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners have, in accordance with a law recently passed by the Legislature, issued and designated two additional polling places in the Town of Lake, and

WHEREAS, Said law provides for the holding of town elections in incorporated towns on the first Tuesday in April, instead of the second as provided in the Charter of the Town of Lake, therefore,

Be it ordained, etc., SECTION 1. That the annual town election of the Town of Lake, be hereby ordered to be held on the first Tuesday of April next, and that the polling-places fixed by the County Board be and are hereby designated as the places in the several precincts of this town where the polls will be opened for the accommodation of the voters at said election.

SEC. 2. That the Supervisor and Town Clerk be, and are hereby, instructed to prepare as correct a register of the voters in the several precincts in said Township as possible, for use on the day of election at the voting-places in said precincts; and Daniel Burcky, A. Colvin, and S. Drake be, and are hereby, instructed to do the same for the Second and Fourth Precincts.

SEC. 3. That the Town Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to post notices in the town stating the day of the election, the places where held, and the officers for which votes will be cast, and plainly stating the boundaries of the several precincts.

The following was submitted and adopted:

WHEREAS, It is of great importance that, in the management of the joint waterworks, competent and faithful men should be secured as Superintendent, Engineer, etc., and

WHEREAS, Just and liberal compensation will be necessary to secure such men; therefore,

Resolved, That the Supervisor be, and is hereby, instructed to correspond with the water departments of several towns, villages, or cities of 15,000 or more people, and report to the Board the expense of such towns and cities for the employment of Engineer, etc., in order that we may have all the light possible when we come to make permanent arrangements for operating the works.

Mr. Colman made a statement in relation to the poor of the town, and recommended that as many as possible be employed by the day in the lower wards, where the roads need repairing, for the purpose of giving them relief. On motion, it was so ordered.

The Board then adjourned.

LAKE VIEW.

The adjourned meeting of the Town Board, for the consideration of the Lincoln Park assessment business, was not held Monday evening, owing to the absence of the Supervisor, Chase, who had been suddenly called East by sickness in his family. The time of meeting is now indefinite, as it depends upon Mr. Chase's return, the Board being unable to transact any business, or even hold a meeting, without the attendance of the Supervisor.

This town will this year have three voting-places, that being the number allowed by the County Commissioners. The places designated are the Town Hall, the Andersonville School-House, and the school-house on Diversey, near Lincoln avenue. If the people of Lake View are not well represented at the polls a week from next Tuesday, it will not be due to the inaccessibility of the voting places, which are now brought within the reach of every one. The coming election is especially important as regards the question of taxation for Lincoln Park and Assessor for the Park assessment will be made by these two officials, and much depends upon the selection of competent men. Whoever are elected will have their hands full of work for several months to come.

The Rev. W. F. Johnson, who for some twelve years has been laboring as a missionary in India, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, delivered an interesting lecture Monday evening at the Theological Seminary. His topic was the social life of the Hindoos, which he considered to be undergoing important changes, due to a great extent to the presence of the Christian religion in their midst. He thought the transformations that had there taken place in society and religion during the past ten years was as great as those occurring in our own land during the same period. The lecturer was listened to with great interest, and presented a much-lectured-on subject in an attractive form.

EVANSTON.

A lecture will be given by S. N. Barker in the Englewood Presbyterian Church Thursday evening. The object of the lecture is for the benefit of the Ladies' Society and Sabbath-School Library. The experience of Mr. Barker in the "Voyage on Board a Whaler" will make a very amusing and interesting one.

The quarterly public examinations for the schools in District No. 2 take place Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27. The programme is as follows: High School, examinations Friday; Car Shops, examinations Friday morning, with literary exercises in the afternoon; Stock Yards, exhibition Friday evening. The whole will be under the management of W. W. Carter, C. C. Dodge, and C. T. Webb, assisted by the teachers. All are cordially invited to be present.

IRVING PARK.

The residents of this place who patronize the Barrington accommodation train are making a protest against the recent change of time, which brings that train to the city at 7:30 instead of a quarter of 8, as formerly. Their complaint is grounded on common sense and justice, and is echoed by every suburban town on the Wisconsin Division. Why real-estate men, lawyers, merchants, and others whose business does not need their attendance until half-past 8 or 9 o'clock shall be compelled to arrive in the city at half-past 7 in the morning, is not clear. The next train in the morning reaches the city at half-past 10, too late for business and professional men. It would seem common justice to give the wealthy and professional classes an accommodation train, and if this is not done it will drive that class of the people away from the Division to some place where they can be treated with more consideration.

JEFFERSON.

The temperance meeting Monday night was largely attended and interesting. H. V. Reed, Esq., was the chosen orator of the evening, and gave an able address. He pointed out the many different reforms that had been attempted, and the causes of their failure, and predicted that the present women's movement, which is but a passing wave of excitement, would dash to pieces on the rocks of destruction.

He treated the subject in an original manner, and was listened to with interest.

At the close of his remarks, Mr. Stevens was elected President; James D. Hattison, Vice President; Col. Norton, Secretary; and "Jefferson Total Abstinence Society" chosen as the name of the organization. This Society will meet Monday night.

PARK RIDGE.

The Musical and Literary Society met in the school-house Monday evening. The exercises were opened with an oration by Mr. Allen. The regular debate followed, Messrs. Moss and Stedman maintaining the affirmative and Messrs. Allen and Root the negative of the question: "Resolved, That capital punishment should be abolished." The judges, Col. Thomas P. Robb and James Mills, decided that the weight of argument was in favor of the affirmative. The irregular debate was participated in by Messrs. Smith, Stedman, and Flanders. The house decided the question in favor of the negative.

The Club will meet at the house of Mr. Knowles Friday night. The party is to be a sheet and pillow-case one, and the usual amount of fun and enjoyment is expected.

OAK PARK.

A large and intelligent audience was present Monday evening to listen to the musical entertainment given at the Congregational Church. The house was filled to its utmost capacity, and the performers could not have received a more enthusiastic and flattering reception.

The following was the programme:

Piano duet—Miss Wood and Mrs. Blackmer.

"Merry Sailor Lad"—Messrs. Blackmer, Shafer, Humphrey, and McLaren.

"Through Meadows Green"—Miss Hardy.

Piano—Miss Gooding.

Song—Miss Martin.

Piano, Flute, and Violin—Mrs. Blackmer, Messrs. Welch and Blackmer.

Song—"Tapping at the Garden Gate"—Miss Hardy.

Overture—Mr. Horton and Mrs. Blackmer.

Song, "Chestnuts Ripe"—Miss Hardy.

Quartette—Messrs. Shafer, Blackmer, Humphrey, and McLaren.

Piano Solo—Miss Gooding.

Song—Miss Hardy.

Piano, Flute, and Violin—Mrs. Blackmer, Messrs. Welch and Blackmer.

The singing by Miss Hardy was excellent. She has a pure, sweet voice, and possessed a good control over it. Being encored at the end of one of the songs, she returned and sang in an exquisite manner *Die Letzte Rose*. The piano solos by Miss Gooding were executed in a most skillful manner. Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream" was performed throughout in a way that fully attests Miss Gooding's superior abilities as a pianist. She received merited applause. The quartette by Messrs. Shaffer, Blackmer, Humphrey, and McLaren were executed with much credit to those gentlemen. They sang "Stars of the Summer Night" with peculiar and happy effect.

Messrs. Welch and Blackmer did not display their knowledge and management of the flute and violin to the best advantage until they came to execute the Last Waltz. By Winner. This they performed in a most felicitous manner, and with great credit to themselves. The performers certainly pleased their listeners, and have cause for being pleased with themselves. The Oak Park entertainments have acquired an enviable reputation, fully sustained Monday evening.

Closing Sale of Paintings.

To-day at 2 o'clock the remainder of the oil-paintings will be closed out entirely regardless of price, my orders being to sell them. Many fine pictures yet remain, and parties desiring to buy at a genuine unreserved sale should attend and be satisfied. Remember the place, Harrison's Auction Rooms, 204 and 206 Madison street, between Fifth avenue and Franklin street.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

STATED COMMUNICATION OF GARDEN CITY LODGE, NO. 161, A. F. & A. M., Wednesday evening, March 25, at Oriental Hall, 125 LaSalle-st. Work on M. M. degree. Visitors cordially invited. By order of the W. M.
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BUSINESS NOTICES.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Wednesday Morning, March 25, 1874.

There is a painful humor in the account of the results of the temperance crusade in Dayton, O. Since the 6th inst., say the dispatches, four saloons have been closed—but, they add, 302 still remain.

Some doubt has been expressed in regard to the last report of Dr. Livingston's death; but it must give way before the announcement that the remains of the great explorer have arrived at Aden, in Egypt, whence they will be taken to England.

Senator Sherman explained his new Currency bill to the Senate yesterday. It was a compromise, he said, and had all the strength and weakness of such a measure. The Finance Committee had fixed upon $382,000,000 as the limit of the currency, as that was the amount now in circulation. Senator Sherman uttered the timely reminder that all this legal-tender must be redeemed in gold. He hoped Congress would not adjourn without preparing some plan for redeeming this increased currency. If it did so, the country would be dishonored.

Minority and majority reports on the public binding of the State have been made by the Printing Committee of the Legislature. The former considers the contract not unreasonable, and report the work to have been well done. Judge Bradwell states, on the other hand, that the work was badly done, and that a great many volumes were bound in cloth by the order of the Printing Commissioners, but contrary to the law, and at an unwarranted extra cost of $6,389. The binding of these volumes cost 58 cents, while the law allows 30, and Mr. Bradwell recommends a joint resolution of the Legislature forbidding the Commissioners to allow more than 35 cents a volume.

Jayne has had his day, and now the merchants of New York, whom he has plundered and outraged, are to have theirs. Rufus Storey & Co., from whom he squeezed a penalty of $100,000, have sued him for $20,000, which they have discovered he forgot to render to the Government. The honest fellow accounted to the Government for only $80,000 of the forfeit. Mr. Storey is after the missing $20,000, and professes his willingness to spend $100,000 more to recover it. As Gen. Butler was Jayne's counsel, he may know something about it. Another New York firm, Platt, Boyd & Co., whom Jayne has been trying in vain for nearly a year to make compromise, have sued him for $50,000 damages for trespass in seizing their books and papers. Jayne still holds the books, but Judge Blatchford has decided that he has no right to keep them any longer.

The attendance at the Congregational Council, which convened in New York yesterday, shows an almost unanimous response to the invitation, and indicates that the Congregational churches, as a rule, do not agree with Mr. Beecher and his congregation as to the propriety of bringing the questions in issue before a Council. Seventy-nine churches were invited, and seventy-four have sent delegates. These, with a number of Professors and Doctors of Divinity who will be present, will make the number of delegates about 160. The interest of the public in the proceedings is described as intense, and the daily papers of New York and Brooklyn are discussing the matter with a good deal of heat and personality. The question whether Plymouth Church should be invited on the same footing as the others has been settled affirmatively. The proceedings were confined yesterday to organization.

Miss Anna Dickinson gave her promised lecture (which she failed to do the last time she was in Chicago) to a reasonably-large audience yesterday evening, composed mainly of the regular lecture-goers. Those who were attracted by prurient curiosity because of the indelicate theme under treatment were probably disappointed; the others, to whom Miss Dickinson is very familiar, were likely as well pleased as they expected to be. The real subject of the lecture was the "Social Evil," but it was thinly disguised by the title "Between Us Be Truth." Miss Dickinson did not adhere very closely to the title when she uttered a libel on THE TRIBUNE, which we print in the report of her lecture. Still it seems to have been anticipated that she would not spare THE TRIBUNE, whatever else she might say or do, for the St. Louis *Democrat* of yesterday morning predicted it as follows:

> Well, Anna Dickinson is on the point of being permitted to deliver her naughty lecture before a Chicago audience, and THE TRIBUNE tells the gentle Anna that a nice young lady "hadn't orter" lecture about something which a nice young lady "hadn't orter" know anything about. Now she will lecture, and she will give that TRIBUNE editor fits.

The Chicago produce markets were generally more active yesterday, with no great change in prices. Mess pork was very active, and 10c per brl higher, closing at $14.45@14.70 cash, and $14.70@14.72½ seller April. Lard was quiet and 2½@5c per 100 lbs higher, closing at $8.95@8.97½ cash, and $8.97½@9.00 seller April. Meats were quiet and strong at 5½@5½c for shoulders; $7.90@7.95 for short ribs; 8¼@8½c for short clear; and 9@10½c for sweet-pickled hams. Highwines were quiet and steady at 92c per gallon. Flour was dull and nominally unchanged. Wheat was active and ½c lower, closing firm at $1.17½ cash, and $1.18¼@1.18¼ seller April. Corn was quiet and ¼c higher, closing at 61¾@62c seller April, and 64¾c seller May. Oats were quiet and firm, closing at 43¾c cash, and 46½c seller May. Rye was quiet and 1½@2c higher, closing at 87c. Barley was quiet and firmer, at $1.48@1.50 for No. 2. On Saturday evening last there was in store in this city 3,487,672 bu wheat; 2,787,569 bu corn; 866,745 bu oats; 35,916 bu rye; and 232,558 bu barley. Live hogs were in better demand and ruled firmer, with sales at $5.00@6.00 for common to choice. Cattle were active and strong. Sheep met with a good demand at steady prices.

Nearly 900 persons were in attendance on the Canal Convention which met in Rock Island yesterday. On the recommendation of the Committee on Credentials, all persons present interested in the subject before the body were admitted as delegates. Mr. J. M. Allen was chosen President. Ex.-Lieut.-Gov. Bross, of this city, addressed the Convention at length in favor of the Rock Island & Hennepin Canal, and made a thorough review of the transportation question and the needs of the West for an adequate outlet for its produce. The resolutions of the Convention, while particularly asserting the benefits of the proposed canal, are favorable to other practicable transportation routes by water, and recommend the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi. Mr. Hawley's bill, now before Congress, for a canal to connect Lake Michigan, the Illinois and Rock Rivers, was indorsed. A committee of thirteen, with Mr. Allen at their head, was appointed to memorialize Congress in favor of the canal, and the State of Illinois was advised to cede the control of the Illinois River and the Illinois & Michigan Canal as navigable highways to the Federal Government, if, in return, it would assume the construction of this new water-way.

There was some preliminary and informal balloting for a Senator yesterday by the Massachusetts Legislature in separate session. The highest number of votes cast in the House was 69 for Mr. Hoar; in the Senate, 17 for Mr. Dawes. In the House, Mr. Curtis came next to Hoar, with 63 votes, and Dawes was third, with 61. Charles Francis Adams got but 12. In the Senate, Curtis and Hoar came next to Dawes, with 10 votes each on the first two ballots. In joint session 137 votes would be necessary to an election, and in yesterday's voting Dawes fell 59 below this number, and Hoar 61. It is worth noting that all the avowed Butler men went for Dawes. These figures do not reveal the future, any further than to show that the class are so evenly balanced that the election may take a long time. In the election which resulted in the choice of Senator Sumner, several months were consumed. Speaker Sanford, of the House, appears rather unexpectedly with sixteen votes, and stands fourth in the competition. In case it should be found necessary to abandon the effort to elect one of the old stagers, as it has been predicted would be the event, Speaker Sanford, or some other one of the young men of whom the Springfield *Republican* is so fond, may be the successor to Senator Sumner.

Mr. A. C. Hesing has come out as the Saladin who is to oppose the modern crusade of the women against the saloon-keepers. He fought his first battle yesterday. He went to Springfield ostensibly in the interest of the new Mayor's bill, but really, as it turns out, to set his burly body against the progress of the praying women, as an incident in our temperances dispatches shows. The country members did not fall down as Mr. Saladin Hesing approached; and his appearance in the House seemed rather to jeopardize than to forward the new People's Party measure for getting Dixon out. He, therefore, sought a neighboring beer-saloon, where he assumed the role of bartender when the ladies came. He kept his hat on while they prayed, and lectured them after they had finished. When Mr. Saladin Hesing has organized the Anti-Crusade army in Springfield, we presume he will proceed to South Bend, where he has already been announced. Then he will cast about for new worlds to conquer, and probably invade Ohio. Meanwhile, we shall expect to see Mr. Saladin Hesing come back to Chicago with turban on his head, babouches on his feet, and rounded scimiter hanging at his side. The Anti-Dixon bill may go, while he marches against Dio Lewis and Van Felt. "No pent-up Utica," etc., etc.

The resolution offered by Ald. Bailey at the last meeting of the Council, that petitioners, anti-saloonists, and others of the class known as lobbyists, be excluded from the Council Chamber, or at least not accorded the privileges heretofore given until business matters have been acted upon, is an excellent one, and its effect would be salutary both in preserving the dignity of the Council, if it has any dignity worth preserving, in expediting public business and in purifying legislation. As the passage of such a resolution, however, would rule out Mr. Hesing himself, all his henchmen who are sent there to supervise the votes of the People's Party Aldermen, and the crowd of political loafers and bummers whose interests these Aldermen are expected to subserve, there is little hope that the resolution will pass. The only exception to be taken to the resolution is in its classing the ladies who recently visited the Council Chamber in the same category with the professional loafers who make a business of lobbying. These ladies went in an orderly, quiet, and respectable manner to present a petition, and did so without any lobbying or attempt to influence the Council. They received rough treatment enough without having the additional indignity placed upon them of being classed with People's Party bummers.

The Springfield *Journal* asks us to state the evidence on which we based the moral reflection that "Mr. Phillips, having approved the means by which the State Printing contract was obtained, cannot now plead that he is an innocent third party." We answer that there is a good deal of evidence tending toward that conclusion in the testimony taken by the Investigating Committee. Perhaps the most humorous is that given by Gen. Brayman, on pages 190 and 191. Brayman, Baulbacha, and Phillips, it will be remembered, were President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the *Journal* Company. Mr. Brayman testifies thus:

> On returning from Wisconsin, as a member of the Company, I was interested in what had been done and what was about to be done. I inquired, in a general manner, what they had been about, and I recollect I requested that I should not be informed of the particulars of the transaction. I did not wish, if persons had been hired to withhold their bids, to know who they were, how it was done, or how much they got. I wanted to close my ears to that, and look only to the general interests of the Company. I recollect, in a conversation with Mr. Phillips, Mr. Baulbacha being present, I think, we came to a sort of understanding that, *as individual persons*, we should not know anything about this; that the *Journal* might know as much as they chose as a corporation.
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> Q.—About what thing?
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> A.—About these transactions,—this purchase of bidders. I recollect that I reminded them that just such a good-looking set as I see around here might possibly get after them. We did not want to get into a position that would compromise us in the original transaction. I did not wish to do it personally, for I did not approve of that way of doing things, and did not wish to compromise myself. Mr. Phillips concurred with me in that. He was aware at the time, and wanted to know as little as possible as to the way these persons were bought off.

When a man wants to know very little about a contract as an individual, while knowing very much about it as the third part of a corporation (having a lively apprehension of an Investigating Committee), it justifies, we think, the presumption that he approved the means by which the contract was obtained, and hence that he cannot plead that he is an innocent third party. There is a certain frankness about Gen. Brayman's statement which dulls the edge of criticism, else it would be easy to make a spectacle of him in the double capacity of a private ignoramus and a well-informed President of a printing company. He has completed the picture so well himself that nobody can improve it.

THE $44,000,000 BILL.

The House of Representatives, after four months of deliberation and debate, have acted on the question of inflating the currency. They have fixed the sum of $400,000,000 as the maximum amount of legal-tenders. It will be remembered that in a former act of Congress authorizing the issue of legal-tenders the national faith was pledged that the amount should never exceed $400,000,000. In 1868, Congress authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem and cancel these notes at a rate not exceeding $4,000,000 a month, and, under that law, Secretary McCulloch redeemed and canceled $44,000,000, leaving outstanding $356,000,000. The circulation remained at that amount until 1872, when Secretary Boutwell allowed himself to be persuaded that the $44,000,000 was a "reserve fund," and was induced to deposit several millions of it in the New York banks to save a lot of speculators from deserved bankruptcy. In a short time he withdrew this over-issue, but last fall Secretary Richardson again issued it, and at this time and for some weeks back the amount outstanding has been about $382,000,000. The House has now legalized this reissue of the notes paid off and canceled seven years ago, but has repeated the declaration that the issue shall never exceed $400,000,000. So the matter stands precisely where it did twelve years ago.

Nevertheless, the act is one of inflation, so far as it goes. It will be accepted by the world as an act unprecedented in the history of Governments. There is no example of a nation in time of profound peace, in the midst of general prosperity, free from internal dissension and external menace, resorting to a forced loan of $44,000,000. This issue of irredeemable paper, in the absence of any national danger, peril, or necessity, will stand in history as a perpetual reproach to the intelligence and patriotism of the Congress that authorized it. And, after all, the result attained is not worth the trouble taken to reach it. The inflation, in point of fact, is less than $20,000,000. The Secretary had already wrongfully issued $26,000,000, but, so long as that over-issue was not sanctioned by law, the credit of the nation was not seriously impaired. Nevertheless the inflation to that extent was a fact, and now, though the other $18,000,000 are to be issued, and by authority of law, it falls many miles short of the demands of the speculators who have been clamoring for more currency. It is so small that they will never feel the difference. The *settlement* of the question will doubtless have a favorable effect on business, but the expansion will in no wise meet the wants and necessities of the men who have been clamoring for it. The actual inflation ($18,000,000) will hardly exceed the ordinary average currency balance kept in the Treasury. The increased issue will be but a drop in the inflation bucket, and, while it will serve to exasperate all those who know that wealth cannot be created by multiplying bits of paper, and that injustice is sure to be committed, it will not satisfy the other side. So that, after all the labor, the House has resolved to impair the national credit by making a forced loan in time of peace, and yet has done nothing to appease the appetite of those who want to pay 50 cents on the dollar, and has done this in direct violation of the platform of the dominant party. While the action of the House is to be greatly regretted, the country perhaps has reason to be thankful that the action was no worse.

CORNERED AT LAST.

Some time since we characterized the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* as "an untruthful sheet." We have had occasion several times to prove its untruthfulness, and we are now called upon to prove its editor, Mr. Arthur Edwards, to be an untruthful person. A few weeks ago he made certain statements in the columns of his paper concerning an alleged interview between the Rev. Arthur Mitchell and Mr. Horace White. Before we had time to reply to it he sent us a note retracting, as he says, *one-third* of his allegations respecting the alleged interview, and maintaining the truth of the other two-thirds. We then published a note from the Rev. Mr. Mitchell stating that no such interview ever took place,—thus cutting away the remaining two-thirds of the statement. Mr. Edwards then declared in the *Advocate* that he had been "informed" that such an interview had taken place, and that he could prove that he had been so informed. He added that if the alleged interview did not take place with the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, it did take place with the officers of the First Presbyterian Church. We replied that no such interview had taken place with the officers of said church; and, since the whole thing was a lie, we expressed the belief that Mr. Arthur Edwards *had never been so informed by anybody*, and called on him to produce his informant.

This was a tolerably direct challenge, and how has it been answered? We publish the answer in another column. Instead of giving the authority for his statement,—instead of reaffirming it even,—he copies a silly article from the *Post and Mail* published two days after his own article had been published—an article in which we are able to count no less than five falsehoods, and which, even if it were all true, does not affirm the same things that Mr. Arthur Edwards affirmed, and is, therefore, wholly irrelevant.

We have now proved our original statement that the *Christian Advocate* is an untruthful sheet, and that its editor is an untruthful person. If any who have followed the controversy shall infer that the editor of the *Advocate* is also a slouch, and unfit to conduct any kind of a newspaper, we shall not dispute such a conclusion.

THE TEMPERANCE REFORM IN PLANO.

The ladies of the thriving little town of Plano, in this State, have taken hold of the temperance business in a scientific manner. Instead of praying in saloons and on muddy sidewalks, and leaving the result to Divine Providence, they have gone to work themselves, and have virtually suppressed intemperance in their midst by organizing public opinion against it, and forcing the rumseller to close his business by arraying the sentiment of the community against him in such a manner that his business became unprofitable. They commenced operations by filling a vacancy in the Board of Village Trustees with a strong temperance man. The election showing that a majority of the voters were on their side, they took fresh courage and instituted a vigorous campaign. A petition was placed in the hands of the prominent business men, asking them not to employ any one who was addicted to drinking, and this was very generally signed. Then they circulated a petition among the young ladies of the town, pledging them not to receive the attentions of young men who frequented saloons, and the village girls very readily signed it. Having fixed these three points,—that is, securing a Trustee who would insist upon the enforcement of the laws, debarring saloon-frequenters from obtaining work, and cutting the same class off from the prospect of having wives and children to abuse, they next moved *en masse* upon the saloons, not with prayers and psalms, but with entreaties to saloon-keepers to close up their business, and, with the moral effect of their presence in the saloons, to shame visitors from drinking. Large numbers were kept away in this manner, and the business of the rum-shops perceptibly decreased. This enraged the rumsellers, and shortly led to personal violence. Their next move was to hold large temperance meetings, and at the same time to bring suits against the saloon-keepers. As fast as the saloons close, the suits are withdrawn, and the prospects now are that the ladies will not have to complete any of their suits, and that the entire business will be broken up in a very short time. The latest move of the ladies is an eminently wise one. If the saloon is abolished, something else must take its place. Very few men are so depraved that they go to the saloon with the deliberate purpose of getting drunk. They go there because they meet congenial spirits and for recreation, and to pass away time which is hanging heavily upon their hands. There must be some place provided, therefore, where men can find the recreation and means of passing away time pleasurably which they find at the saloons. The first move of the ladies in this direction is an effort to establish a library and reading-room, and this has so far advanced that it is a certainty. Having established these resorts, others will follow. This is the English plan of dealing with intemperance. The most effective measures in England to counteract the influence of the liquor shops and public houses have been public houses conducted upon temperance principles, where the workingmen can congregate, read the newspapers, have light and wholesome refreshments at a cheaper rate than the saloons can sell liquors, and the diversions of the bowling-alley, billiard-table, quoits, draughts, and other games. When a workingman is offered an opportunity to read his paper, smoke his pipe, have his cup of coffee and sandwich, an opportunity for pleasurable diversions and a chance to meet his fellows, cheaper than he can have an evening's entertainment at a saloon, the chances are that he will go to the former instead of the latter. When to these attractions, concerts, readings, popular lectures, and attractive shows are added for a mere pittance, as in England, the inducements are so increased that the saloon stands little chance of patronage except from the hopelessly besotted.

In contradistinction to this rational method of dealing with intemperance, and supplying something else in its place, let us look for a moment at the result which has been achieved by the temperance movement as conducted by what are known as the praying bands of women, who mass all their efforts upon the effect of prayer and psalm. The centre of this kind of effort has been the State of Ohio. It has prevailed to some extent in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, and Iowa, but in these States there has been no thoroughly organized and concerted movement. In Ohio it has been fairly tested, and the later evidence goes to show that the praying bands are plowing a sea which closes up behind them. In Columbus there are 400 places where liquor is sold, and, after seven weeks' incessant praying, half-a-dozen low dives and one billiard-hall have succumbed. The unprofitable ones are doing rather more business than ever, and the praying bands are daily diminishing. At Morrow, where most of the dog-geries yielded, Cincinnati firms are making arrangements to open new places next week, while those which did not yield are doing more business than ever. At Circleville, liquor cannot be bought by the glass, but it can be bought by the bottle all over town. At Xenia, the result is the same. From every quarter comes the same report. There are but two towns in the whole State in which all the saloons were closed, and in those two intemperance still prevails. To any one who has looked beyond the excitements of the moment, this result will not be surprising. The movement from the exclusively religious standpoint has not succeeded because, in the first place, it has not commanded the unanimous support of the Church itself, many, not only of the laity but of the most influential clergymen, both in the Protestant and Catholic denominations, having declined to give it their sanction. It has not succeeded in the second place, because intemperance cannot be stayed without organizing public opinion against it, and praying in the streets does not accomplish this. There is, in addition to these objections against this merely religious movement, another danger which has not been sufficiently regarded, and which may be even more deplorable than the evil of intemperance. If this movement fails, as it gives signs of doing, then the failure must react against the Church and paralyze, more or less, its influence for good in other directions. If religious people put prayer to the test in this manner, and prayer fails to accomplish its object, the result will be disastrous to all religious effort, will encourage the vicious classes, and increase the army of the scoffers. It would be at this juncture, therefore, for the interest of the community to look a little beyond the excitement of the moment and ascertain not only what their efforts are accomplishing, but try and see where the movement is leading them.

At the North Side Convention of the People's Party to nominate candidates for town offices, a resolution was passed that the town officers owe it to themselves and the community to levy no more taxes than are necessary to conduct business. This is the most cheerful announcement of the season. Heretofore the community has owed the town officers to an unlimited extent, but when the town officers acknowledge that they owe the community something, there is hope for the future.

WASHINGTON.

Senators Sherman and Thurman on the Finance Question.

Yesterday's Testimony in the Howard Investigation.

Additional Charges Made Against the District Officials.

Alleged Frauds in the Making of Contracts for Indian Supplies.

A Singular State of Affairs at the Red Cloud and Whetstone Agencies.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—In the District investigation to-day, the memorialists filed two more charges setting forth that the Board of Public Works have created a multitude of needless officers in direct violation of the organic act, especially in the appointment of a Treasurer of the Board, to whom they caused all moneys belonging to the District to be turned over, although expressly forbidden to do so by act of Congress of May 6, 1872; and that they have charged and made assessments for work never done by them. The Committee were notified this but one more charge would be presented by the memorialists.

EXPENSES EXAMINED.

Thornton Smith, a contractor for the laying of concrete pavements, but who has not had any contracts with the Board, was examined without developing anything striking.

John O. Evans was also examined in a preliminary way, without reaching anything of particular interest.

The foreman, or Superintendent, Abrahams, was examined and testified in general terms as to the poor material used by Evans, and the poor work done by him at very high figures. He stated that the concrete pavement laid by Evans at $3.20 and $3.50 per yard could be put down at $2.25, and a good profit be realized.

Kilbourn was not examined.

NON-TAXABLE PROPERTY.

It appears by a list which has been prepared by the Board of Public Works that there is non-taxable property, such as churches and school-houses, in this District, to the amount of over $7,000,000.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

THE DISTRICT INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The District Investigating Committee this morning examined Thornton Smith, one of the successful bidders for the concrete contracts. He testified that the pavement laid by C. E. Evans, on Pennsylvania avenue and Madison place was inferior to that in front of the Arlington Hall, the latter being the required standard, although paid for at the same rate.

FRANKLIN MACK,

of Maryland, testified that Evans & Co. had not paid him the royalty claimed by him as the owner of the Stuart pavement patent, and that the pavement laid by that company was composed of inferior material.

LOUIS CLEPHANE

was examined by counsel for the memorialists, to show that he went on various contractors' bonds for amounts larger than the total value of his property. At the time he testified he was worth not exceeding $50,000, and supposed he had signed bonds amounting to $100,000 in the aggregate. The Committee took a recess.

On the reassembling of the Committee, the counsel for the memorialists offered in evidence extracts from the published reports of the assets of Jay Cooke, showing the extent of the interest of that firm in the Maryland Freestone and Mining Company.

JOHN O. EVANS

was then examined in reference to the transactions of the Board pending associations with which he has been connected. There was never any secret or other arrangement between witness and the Board of Public Works by which he or his partners were to obtain contracts. There was no truth in the statement that witness was ever favored over other contractors by the Board. Witness never paid nor agreed to pay to any member of the Board of Public Works any money to secure a contract; never divided or proposed to divide profits with any of them.

INDIAN SUPPLIES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT CONTRACTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Among the specifications of charges filed with the House Committee on Indian Affairs upon which an investigation is to be had are the following: For beef for the seven Upper Missouri Agencies for the present fiscal year, the following awards were made:

The Whetstone and Red Cloud Agencies to A. H. Wilder, of St. Paul, Minn., at $2.72½ per 100 pounds; Upper Missouri and Grand River Agencies to J. W. L. Stevens, of Kansas City, Mo., at $2.75 per 100 pounds; and for the Santee, Yankton, and Cheyenne Agencies to J. M. Dodge, of Iowa, at $2.78¾ per 100 pounds.

These awards were made in New York. It is asserted that when

THE FINAL CONTRACTS

were made at Washington the Dodge and Stevens agencies were exchanged, and the contract price raised 3 cents per pound from the awards made in New York. Responsible men, offering good bonds, put in bids at much lower figures. One of them, J. B. Harlan, of Iowa, at such rates as would have made a difference in behalf of the Government of about $36,000. In other cases the saving would have been less, but still considerable. These bidders filed their protests with the Interior Department at the time the awards were made.

For the Blackfoot Agency, L. B. Church bid to furnish beef at $2.25 per 100 pounds, while the award was made to a Mr. Storey at $2.35 per 100 lbs. For the Crow Agency, Montana, William Nowlan, of Montana, offered to furnish XXX flour at $1.50 per 100 lbs, while the award was made to P. A. Largey of the same Territory, at $3 per 100 pounds. The bond offered by Nowlan was perfectly good. He has written to Maj. McGinnis, the Delegate from Montana, to have the matter ventilated.

BIDS FOR TRANSPORTATION

from Red Cloud to Cheyenne were filed as follows: J. W. Slavens, $1.40 per 100 pounds per 100 miles; D. J. McCann, $1.20 do; George Marshall, $1.10 do; R. Middleton, 95 cents do; Hecht & May, $1.17 do. McCann received the award at New York at $1.20, which, it is asserted, was afterwards increased to $1.75. This is but a sample of the complaints filed for investigation.

The Committee are undoubtedly

DETERMINED TO PROSECUTE THIS INVESTIGATION

with thoroughness, and it is now quite safe for all parties who have been wronged by the action of the Advisory Board in awarding contracts for the last two fiscal years to come forward, and give specifications. It is believed there is a large number of such persons, and if they, or others who know of wrongs so committed will send information to the Hon. George M. Adams, of the Committee, their communication will be treated as confidential. The name and address of the witness should be given in order that he may be subpœnaed.

THE INDIANS AT RED CLOUD AND WHETSTONE AGENCY.

The Secretary of the Interior has forwarded to Speaker Blaine a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, setting forth that the contract for supplying the Indians at Red Cloud and Whetstone Agencies with beef expired on the 15th, but that the contractors had consented to continue the supply till the 1st of April. The Commissioner requests that an appropriation of over $200,000 be made at once to supply these Indians with beef till the 1st of January, when the new appropriation will become available. The Secretary joins in urging speedy action. There seems to be several points about this worth attention. If it takes more than $300,000 to supply beef for these Indians during the summer months, the cost the whole year must be considerably more than $800,000. It seems just

A LITTLE SINGULAR

that this contract expires three and a half months before the fiscal year is out instead of at the end of the year, and that a request for a new appropriation is delayed till the contract has expired, and until within about a week of the time up to which the commissioners as a special favor consent to furnish supplies, when it seems to be wanted in the most urgent haste. Had that war not ceased if the beef is not at once provided for in most significantly set forth. Under such a pressure, it would be but natural that Congress would hasten to make the appropriation without asking questions. It may be all right, but if it is a job it is ably put up to succeed.

COMMITTEE WORK.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PROPAGATION OF FISHES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The House Appropriations Committee have agreed to recommend an appropriation of $15,000 to carry on the work of propagating food fishes. Prof. Baird, who has had charge of this work, appeared before the Committee to-day, and made an argument in favor of the appropriation.

TAXATION OF RAILROAD LAND-GRANTS.

Mr. Crounse, of Nebraska, was heard by the House Public Land Committee to-day in advocacy of a bill introduced by him declaring that the lands granted to the Pacific Railroads may be taxed by State authority, but no conclusion was reached by the Committee.

A NEW LAND-GRANT RAILROAD.

The House Railways and Canals Committee heard arguments to-day in favor of the bill granting Government aid to a projected narrow-gauge railroad to connect the Central Pacific Railroad with the Columbia River via Portland, Oregon. The road is to be 700 miles long, and 100 miles of it will be built by the State of Oregon, and, to aid in the construction of the remaining 500, the Government is asked to guarantee the railroad companies 5 per cent bonds at the rate of $10,000 per mile. It is asserted that $20,000,000 have been subscribed to build the road, and that 10 per cent of that amount can be at once realized if this bill passes, and the construction of the road is immediately commenced. The Committee are inclined to regard the proposition favorably.

THE HAGERSTOWN BANK.

The Senate Finance Committee have decided to report adversely on the bill authorizing the National Bank at Hagerstown, Md., to move to this city, which recently passed the House.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The House Committee on Appropriations to-day agreed to insert the item of $15,000 in the Deficiency Appropriation bill, to be used in carrying on the work of food-fish propagation. The Committee also had under consideration, and will probably grant, the estimates of the Interior Department for the appropriations needed to supply the deficiencies in the amounts appropriated last year for the Indian service in Arizona and New Mexico.

THE HOWARD CASE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The Howard Court of Inquiry to-day continued the hearing of Gen. Ballock, witness for the prosecution. The testimony principally related to the method of paying bounties to colored soldiers. Wagons testified that no very general rules had been adopted for this purpose, as each case received specific instructions. Gen. Howard supervised his action, either by personal examination or by an inspection of his books at the end of each month. Instead of approving all vouchers by Gen. Ballock scrutans. Gen. Howard, on account of the haste of that office, got permission from the Second Comptroller to approve the abstracts of vouchers paid, which recited and described the vouchers and accompanied them. In many instances Gen. Ballock had vouchers sent to him receipted by claimants before sending the money to the sub-agents to make payments, and in some instances the payments were not made because of not finding the claimants. The examination of Gen. Ballock will be continued to-morrow.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

THE CENTENNIAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—A petition has been sent to Congress, headed by Peter Cooper and signed by a number of the prominent business men of New York, urging an appropriation for the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition.

THE LATE JUDGE DENT.

The remains of Judge Louis Dent were shipped to-day for St. Louis. They were accompanied by Dr. Alexander Sharpe and Col. Fred Dent Grant.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

SPECIAL AGENCY DISTRICT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The Secretary of the Treasury has established the Seventeenth Special Agency District, embracing all ports within the Collection District of New Orleans north of Paducah, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., and including those ports. The headquarters are at Cincinnati. Special Agent James B. Morris has been assigned in charge of the District.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate confirmed David Reid United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania; Frederick Herman Schenck, of Indiana, Consul at Barcelona; Giles B. Overton, Receiver of Public Moneys at Salt Lake City; Thomas E. Burns, Collector of Internal Revenue, Fourth District of Kentucky.

The nomination of Thomas B. Van Buren, as Consul at Kanagawa, which was confirmed a few days ago and laid aside, on motion to reconsider, was to-day finally confirmed.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.

MEMORIALS.

Mr. SCOTT presented a petition of citizens of Blair County, Penn., deprecating the re-enactment of the duty on tea and coffee. Referred.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, asking for the passage of a law providing for 3 65-100 convertible bonds. Referred.

Mr. MORTON presented a petition of citizens of Indiana and Kentucky, asking that the law of Congress relative to bridges over the Ohio River be amended so as to require that the bridge over that river shall have 400-feet spans and a pivot-draw of 160 feet. Referred.

SHERMAN'S FINANCE BILL.

At the expiration of the morning hour, the Senate laid aside informally the bill to equalize the distribution of the currency, and took up the new financial bill reported by Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, yesterday. The provisions of the new bill were explained by Mr. Sherman.

Mr. SHERMAN said the bill reported yesterday, and just taken up, was not a satisfactory one, as it was in the nature of a compromise; and, while it had the strength of a promise, it also had the weakness of such a measure. There was a necessity for those on one side to yield their views, to some extent, to others, and, unless they should so yield, no bill could be passed. There must be some middle ground agreed upon to make the bill satisfactory to all. It only remains for the Senate to say if this was a fair compromise, whether it would improve our currency and give the relief demanded. He then had the bill read by sections, and explained the provisions of each. He said United States notes at this moment are unconvertible, irredeemable, and depreciated at the rate of 12 per cent. They had depreciated ever since their issue, at one time being worth only 62 cents in gold, and ever now worth only 90 cents. The Committee had reported in favor of fixing the amount of United States notes at $382,000,000, that being the amount now outstanding, but he hoped it would soon be practicable to get back to $356,000,000, and recover the ground lost by the panic. The $382,000,000 had been fixed upon not because it was the best amount, but because it was the amount now in circulation. The time must come when more notes must be redeemed than issued, and something must be done looking to that end. He quoted the annual production of precious metals in this country, the coinage, etc., and said he was not prepared to say that any day could be fixed now for resumption. He hoped Congress would not adjourn with the increased currency without any plan of redemption. If such course be pursued, the country would be dishonored. The United States was rich enough to advance its notes to par in gold, with its 40,000,000 of the most prosperous people in the world. The increase of National Bank capital under the bill would be about $110,000,000. He did not think it would be any violence of confidence to state that the Secretary of the Treasury wished to retire an equal amount of greenbacks, as the National-bank notes were issued. It had not taken the design of the Finance Committee to enter upon any serious modification of the National Banking act. In conclusion he said this was not a party or sectional struggle, but a question involving the faith and honor of the country, and Congress must provide a National currency well distributed, and end gradually approaching redemption in gold.

Mr. THURMAN said he had never made a personal explanation, but he was forced to do so now by what had been said by the Senator from Michigan, (Ferry) in one of his late speeches. That Senator had arraigned him because he had kept quiet through this discussion, as if it was not a merit not to speak. He (Thurman) thought that to delay legislation by speaking was always a crime. The country was alarmed, and justly so, at the present condition of affairs, and he insisted that he would not

From an expression of his op... from newspapers to support his... fore a Senator made charges... Senator he should be assure... silenced he spoke. He (Thurm... he had ever said the panic was... attempt of the creditors of the... debtors of the South and West... sumption. He had never mad... lous assertion in his life. On the... always said that the panic w... ever-trading and Congressional... backing in new enterprises, and... Northern Pacific Railroad ache... uttered a word in favor of infla... pressed the opinion that he was... violent or sudden measures fo... tion. He was too much of a... Democrat to favor embarking... inflation which meant no resum... Senator (Ferry) had charged h... sent from the Senate w... taken on several amendmen... taken the trouble to inqu... have ascertained that at that ti... was on a sick bed, and unable t... ate. Had he been present, he w... against all the amendments a... to recommit, as he believed this... the place to perfect a bill, and s...

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Mr. FERRY said he would v... volume of legal-tenders $40... free-

...from an expression of his opinion, and read from newspapers to support his argument. Before a Senator made charges against another Senator he should be assured of the truth thereof he spoke. He (Thurman) denied that he had ever said the panic was the result of an attempt of the creditors of the East to force the debtors of the South and West into specie resumption. He had never made such a ridiculous assertion in his life. On the contrary, he had always said that the panic was the result of over-trading and Congressional legislation, embarking in new enterprises, and especially in the Northern Pacific Railroad scheme. He never uttered a word in favor of inflation, but had expressed the opinion that he was opposed to any violent or sudden measures for specie resumption. He was too much of an old-fashioned Democrat to favor embarking on any career of inflation which meant no resumption at all. The Senator (Ferry) had charged him with being absent from the Senate when votes were taken on several amendments. If he had taken the trouble to inquire, he would have ascertained that at that time he (Thurman) was on a sick bed, and unable to be in the Senate. Had he been present, he would have voted against all the amendments and for the motion to recommit, as he believed the Committee was the place to perfect a bill, and not the Senate.

Mr. FERRY said he had commented on the action of the Senator as expressed by one of the leading papers in Cincinnati. If he had offended, the journalist had offended. He (Ferry) was still at a loss to know where the Senator stood to-day, as he had submitted no proposition, no plan. He inquired of the gentleman (Thurman) if he was in favor of the bill just reported by the Finance Committee.

Mr. THURMAN said his present belief was that he would oppose it, though he had not examined it carefully, as he had not time to do so. His impression was that he would vote against it.

Mr. FERRY said he would vote to make the volume of legal-tenders $400,000,000 and for free-banking.

Mr. THURMAN said this bill fixed the amount of greenbacks at $382,000,000, and only increased the National Bank circulation to the extent of $16,000,000. Free banking meant an extension of the National Bank circulation to many millions of dollars. The only limit would be the amount of Government bonds which could be procured to put up as securities. It meant an indefinite extension of irredeemable paper currency and perpetuation of national indebtedness. If National Banking was to be perpetuated, the national indebtedness must be, and, with this high debt, heavy taxation and high tariff would continue. The perpetual National Banking system meant that the people of Ohio must pay $3 or $4 more per thousand for their lumber from Michigan than they would have to pay if they could get it from Canada. It meant death to free-trade, and if the Senator (Ferry) was in favor of extending the system of National Banks, he was in favor of extending the national indebtedness. He denied that the bill just reported made the currency elastic. On the contrary, it fixed the amount by just as arbitrary rule as that of the present day. Though he felt adverse to the bill now, he thought it infinitely better than inflation.

Pending discussion, the Senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

After considerable animated discussion over an attempt by Messrs. O'NEIL and MYERS to make personal or privileged questions out of a mistake in the Washington papers in regard to their votes on the Four Hundred Million bill, yesterday, which attempt the SPEAKER refused to countenance, the House proceeded to the discussion of the Georgia contested-election case.

After three hours' discussion the minority resolution that Rawls, the sitting member, was entitled to the seat, was rejected,—yeas, 77; nays, 133,—and the majority resolutions, declaring Sloan, the contestant, entitled to the seat, were adopted—yeas, 133; nays, 74. It was purely a party vote, except that Messrs. Banning, Fort, and Shoemaker of Pennsylvania, voted with the Democrats.

Andrew Sloan then came forward and took the modified (not ironclad) oath.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. McCRARY after an unsuccessful effort to have some arrangement made for taking a vote on the bill to regulate inter-State railroad commerce, gave notice that he would move the previous question on the passage of the bill at 4 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. DAWES offered a resolution giving to the Committee of Ways and Means authority to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths, in all cases pending for examination before it from time to time. Adopted.

WORKINGMEN'S MEMORIAL.

W. R. ROBERTS (N. Y.) said: "I am requested by the Workingmen's Committee of New York to present a memorial to the House of Representatives in favor of an eight-hour law, and for the removal of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury. The memorial is signed by 20,000 persons, representing the Typographical Union and various trades and laboring societies of New York City. In presenting it, I desire to express my entire and full approval of the objects of the memorialists. I request that the memorial be read at the Clerk's desk, and printed in the *Congressional Record*."

Mr. MAYNARD—I object to that. Let the memorial come in under the rule.

Mr. ROBERTS—The gentleman from Tennessee would not object if it was a memorial from the bankers and brokers of New York, but because it comes from the workingmen he objects.

Mr. MAYNARD—The gentleman from New York measures other people's corn by his own half bushels.

Mr. ROBERTS—I measure that gentleman by his acts.

Mr. MAYNARD—I have a right to object to having the memorial read in the House and printed in the *Record*, and I insist upon my objection.

The memorial was received and ordered to be printed, (but not in the *Record*), and was referred to the Committee on Civil Service Reform.

THE TRANSPORTATION BILL.

The House then proceeded to the discussion of the bill to regulate inter-State railroad commerce, and Mr. HILLARD (Ala.) made a constitutional and legal argument against the bill.

At the close of Mr. Willard's speech the House took a recess till 7:30; the evening session to be devoted to the same subject.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—For the Upper Lakes and the Northwest and Southwest to the Missouri Valley, falling barometer, southwesterly, warmer, cloudy weather, and occasional rain.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

CHICAGO, March 25—1 a. m.

Station.	Bar.	Thr	Wind.	Rain	Weather.
Breckinridge	29.89	26	S., brisk	.....	Cloudy.
Cairo	30.42	38	S. E., gentle	.....	Cloudy.
Cheyenne	29.85	28	W., light	.....	Cloudy.
Chicago	30.21	35	S. W., fresh	.....	Clear.
Cincinnati	30.36	34	S., light	.....	Clear.
Cleveland	30.36	29	S., brisk	.....	Clear.
Davenport	30.24	32	S., brisk	.....	Clear.
Denver	29.92	26	S., fresh	.....	Fair.
Detroit	30.36	29	W., fresh	.....	Clear.
Duluth	30.27	26	S. W., fresh	.....	Clear.
Keokuk	29.92	39	S. W., fresh	.....	Cloudy.
Ft. Garry	29.80	21	W., fresh	.....	Light snow.
Ft. Gibson	30.08	47	E., fresh	.....	Fair.
Leavenworth	30.29	38	S., fresh	.....	Clear.
LaCrosse	30.13	30	S. E., fresh	.....	Clear.
Lawrence	30.23	39	S., fresh	.....	Cloudy.
Marquette	29.78	33	W., brisk	.....	Clear.
Milwaukee	30.27	30	S. W., fresh	.....	Clear.
Omaha	30.04	28	S., brisk	.....	Fair.
Penbina	29.79	20	N. W., brisk	.....	Fair.
Toledo	0.25	33	S. W., brisk	.....	Clear.
Yankton	29.94	43	S., fresh	.....	Fair.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TORONTO, Ont., March 24.—The Ontario Legislature concluded its sessions to-day, the Lieutenant-Governor having sanctioned a large number of important bills, including one establishing an income franchise.

Navigation is now fully opened here. The first cargo of lumber was shipped yesterday.

A prominent lumber merchant of Hamilton is believed to have absconded to Buffalo, leaving his creditors inquiring after $150,000.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP NEWS.

LIVERPOOL, March 24.—The steamships City of Baltimore and City of Montreal, from New York; Batavia, from Boston, and Scandinavian, from Portland, have arrived out.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 24.—Steamship Maine, from New York, has arrived.

THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The Senate last night sustained Gov. Booth's veto of the Harbor Commission bill, which is another victory for the Independents.

The Senate to-day voted to lay the Freeman Railroad bill on the table. This probably seals its fate. The vote was 21 ayes to 13 nays.

WATERTOWN, MASS., LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

WATERTOWN, Mass., March 24.—BEEF CATTLE—Receipts, 926; market better than last week, with an advance of nearly ½c; choice, $10.25@10.50; extra, $9.50@9.75; first quality, $8.50@9.00; second, $8.00@8.25; third, $6.00@7.00.

SWINE—Receipts, 1,400; some improvement in the market; Western fat hogs, 6½@6¾c; Eastern fat hogs, 6¾@7c; stores, 5½@6c.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,600; market dull; choice, $6.00@6.50; fair to good, $5.50@5.75; poor, $4.50@5.00.

REVENUE FRAUDS.

Suits Instituted Against Special Agent Jayne.

He Is Charged with Unnecessarily Detaining Books and Papers.

Conspiracy to Defraud Also Alleged Against Him.

Sanborn's Defense Before the Ways and Means Committee.

His Own Witnesses Hopelessly Damage His Case.

JAYNE'S TROUBLES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The first of a plentiful crop of promising civil and criminal suits against Special Agent B. G. Jayne has been instituted, by service of the complaint in the name of Messrs. Platt & Boyd, of Nos. 79 and 81 Murray street, for the sum of $50,000 damages for trespass, in the seizure of their books and papers on July 16, 1873, on such frivolous pretenses that, in order to obtain a warrant, Jayne was compelled to employ an irresponsible person to swear to the truth of the affidavits. The seizure was made under circumstances of great

VIOLENCE AND THREATS

on the part of Jayne that he would have books not named in the warrant, if he had to call in the army and navy of the United States. These books and papers have never been returned to Platt & Boyd. They have refused to compromise, although threatened by District Attorney Bliss with indictment on criminal charges, for which there are of course no grounds, but repeatedly insisted on going to trial before a jury. This Jayne does not intend to do under the circumstances, and hence the delay in returning the books.

On Saturday last, Stanley, Brown, and Clarke, attorneys for Messrs. Platt & Boyd, and several other merchants with

COURAGE ENOUGH TO FIGHT JAYNE,

moved in the United States District Court, before Judge Blatchford, for the return of the books and papers of their clients, and Judge Blatchford, in ruling on certain points, denied the right of Bliss and Jayne to detain them longer. They were given until to-day to answer this demand, and on Monday Jayne, Bliss, and George Priest, Jayne's confidential clerk, were closeted most of the day preparing an answer to the motion made on Saturday. The preparation of this answer has apparently given great trouble, as Jayne, on his return to the storehouse where he resides when in New York, expressed his annoyance of the devilish way in which Platt & Boyd were behaving.

The case does not progress to a settlement as rapidly as it would if Platt & Boyd had continued to retain Jayne's lawyer, who made his appearance and offered his services five minutes after their books were seized in July last.

TWO OTHER SUITS

will be begun against Jayne in a few days. One will be to recover the informer's moiety in the Woodruff and Robinson case, which Jayne received while in Washington. The real informer in the case was a man named Hayes, who resigned his claim in trust to his lawyers, Doolittle, Davis, and Lyon, who refused to consent to its transfer to Jayne. The sum involved in the suit is $12,100. Jayne is also charged in this complaint with conspiracy with Hayes and others to defraud.

SUIT IS ALSO THREATENED

by Messrs. Rufus Storey & Co. against Jayne to recover the $30,000 which was dropped when the firm settled the case with the Government by the payment of $100,000, of which only $80,000 was reported by Jayne to the Treasury at Washington, the sum at which the compromise was effected. Mr. Storey has said he will spend another $100,000 but what he will have the $20,000 of which both he and the Government were robbed.

SANBORN'S DEFENSE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Two witnesses brought here by Sanborn were examined to-day in the Ways and Means Committee. The members of the Committee say that although they were produced to help Sanborn, the testimony that they gave was quite damaging to his case. Two more witnesses in his behalf will be examined to-morrow.

[*To the Associated Press.*]

THE SANBORN CONTRACTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The Committee of Ways and Means this morning gave a hearing in the Sanborn contract matter. Sanborn was present, attended by ex-Representative Woodbridge, of Vermont, as his counsel, and stated he had two witnesses present who could not remain another day in Washington, and requested the Committee first to hear them. The Committee then heard John D. Coughlin, a member of the New York Legislature, who had been formerly Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue in the City of New York, and now acting under an agreement with Sanborn. Coughlin related minutely all the details of the work of collecting the legacy and succession tax, which was his specialty, and in regard to which he claimed to be an expert. It was he who called on W. W. Phelps, and made the final collection of about $15,000 as the tax on personal property of John J. Phelps, deceased, and he gave it as his belief that the tax

NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID

through the regular course, because Phelps seemed under the impression that the law repealing the legacy and succession tax applied to his case, while, on the contrary, the law only applied to the future, and not to the past. He stated there was no record kept in the Internal Revenue Department of taxes due; only of taxes paid, and it was only through the efforts of an expert like himself, who, by comparing the information derived from the Surrogate's office with the record of taxes paid in the Collector's office, ascertained where the delinquencies existed, that such delinquent tax could ever be recovered. On being questioned to his personal share in the sums recovered, he declined to give information, but Mr. Woodridge having intimated the willingness of his client to have the information given, Coughlin said he

RECEIVED FROM SANBORN 12½ PER CENT

of the gross amount collected. He denied that he has imparted to Sanborn any information acquired as Assistant Assessor, and stated that Sanborn had filed in the District Attorney's office a list of persons from whom taxes were to be collected before he (Coughlin) had anything to do with him.

Mr. Foster asked Coughlin if he had

EVER BEEN PAID "HUSH-MONEY."

Coughlin replied that he did not understand the meaning of the term, but he had never received money from any one in settlement of matters which he had not reported.

In reply to questions by Mr. Beck, Coughlin stated that in March, 1873, some months before the date of the Sanborn contract, he had written to the Secretary of the Treasury proposing to collect delinquent legacy and succession taxes in the County of New York at a commission of 15 per cent, although the same work was afterward given to Sanborn at a commission of 50 per cent.

Mr. Beck—And you really did all the work in these legacy and succession matters?

Coughlin—Yes.

Mr. Beck—Sanborn did not work up anything in person?

Coughlin—No, although he had lodged information beforehand.

Mr. Beck—He got that information, did he not, from somebody who had once been in the Internal Revenue office.

Coughlin—I do not know whether he had been or not.

Mr. Beck—Give us his name.

Coughlin—His name is Waddel; I don't know his first name.

Sanborn—His name is William Waddel. He was never in the Internal Revenue Department.

THO. F. BELSTERLING,

of Philadelphia, was also examined. He stated that, having been the special Assistant Assessor of the legacy and succession taxes in Philadelphia for nearly two years, and having become familiar with the records in the office of the Register of Wills, he was employed, after leaving that office, by Barrows, as the agent of Sanborn, to procure information as to unpaid legacy and succession taxes. The information, he said, was obtained only by a great deal of hard labor, and without collusion of any kind or degree with any Internal Revenue or other Government officer, and without paying a penny to any such person.

A Retailer Justified by Experience.

The black burglar known as "Big Frank," who escaped from the Essex jail, Salem, recently, has some reason for fatalistic belief in the circumstances of his restraint in Philadelphia, as thus told to a reporter: "My arrest is fated!" he exclaimed, "simply fate and nothing else. That fate which begins with all such creatures as myself, and follows us night and day like a shadow, which interrupts our private peace, which disturbs our dreams, and which finally brings us down here in such a place as this. It is this fate which holds me now a captive. Listen to the story. No more remarkable arrest can be found in criminal record. No matter where I had my quarte s after my arrival in Philadelphia, suffice it to say that at the moment of my capture I had only been in daylight for five minutes. I saw a horse-car passing down Master street, and, upon looking at it, saw a man steadily gazing at me from one of the windows.

I felt uneasy, though I did not recognize the face, and I stepped in the first saloon I came to. I was forced to come out in order to get something to eat. You know what followed. The man found a Constable and arrested me. Think of it! Had I come out of the place where I was staying one moment later the affair could not have taken place. Had the car been behind time, to-day, instead of being here, I would have been free. The man who recognized me is a resident of another city. He passes down Master street only once in so many years, and yet this man, at the hour, nay, at the very moment I appear upon the street, recognizes me and brings me to this dreary cell. Sir, it is a fate, fate and nothing less."

THE RIOTOUS LUMBERMEN.

History of the Difficulties Between the Rival Boom Companies.

Troops Sent to the Scene of Disturbances Withdrawn by the Governor.

The Parties Left to Fight It Out Between Themselves.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 24.—The row at Greenville and vicinity had its origin in circumstances which may interest lumbermen. The Greenville Boom Company has heretofore had the undisputed right of running logs on Flat River and tributaries. In previous dispatches this has been called the old Company. On the 4th inst. a new logging company was formed of prominent mill-owners of this city, Grand Haven, and Greenville, head quarters at Greenville, called the Grand River & Greenville Log-Running Company, for the purpose of running logs on Grand Flat and Rogue Rivers as cheaply as possible, and to protect themselves from what they deemed the

UNJUST MONOPOLY

of the old Company so far as their logs on Flat River and tributaries were concerned. On other streams the old Company had no claims, so there could be no conflict except on Flat River. Woolerly & Co., of this city, have not a controlling interest in the new Company, as intimated yesterday. They own ten shares of the whole 150. The President is Sherman H. Boyce, of Grand Haven. The other owners are Hunter & Savidge, P. B. Kelsey, Andrew J. Emlaue, Henry A. Bauer, James Stuart, Rufus Sprague, Merrit Fuller, Glasgow & McIntyre, and Nathaniel Haight, all of Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, or Greenville. The Company owns five-sixths of all the logs on Grand Flat and Rogue Rivers, a total of 115,000,000 feet; 45,000,000 feet are above the old Company's dams on Flat River. The old Company have few, if any, logs of their own above their dams this season. The new Company assert that they tried to purchase or lease the old Company's facilities for running logs, but the latter refused to make any reasonable terms, and declared that they would run the new Company's logs out themselves, or they should not come out at all. Such is the

NEW COMPANY'S SIDE OF THE STORY.

Certain it is the old Company demanded 15 cents per 1,000 feet for running the logs, but such has always been their price. It is certainly a monstrous charge, and it is said it has enabled them to pay 55 per cent dividends; but they claim to be the legal and rightful possessors of the log running facilities on the Flat River, affording equal privileges and terms to all logowners, and they assert that the new company is the one that is trying to

MONOPOLIZE.

resorting to violence at last, which latter statement is true. Fraunt & Seeley were recently employed by the new Company to go upon Flat River and boss the job of driving out their logs, with orders to accomplish the business in some way before the water should fall. The Company furnished them nearly one hundred men, mostly from the Saginaw Valley. The patrons mentioned the departure of these men for Flat River, and intimated that they were

A FORCE TO BE FEARED

and could be relied on in such an emergency as an affray. These are the men who chopped away the chutes and gates of the old Company at Caywood's and Underhill's dams, four or five miles above Greenville, related in yesterday's dispatches. The remodeling of Underhill's dam was begun yesterday, but to-day Fraunt & Seeley's men marched upon it again and demolished it.

THE GRAND RAPIDS GUARD

arrived at the seat of war last evening. Capt. Smith became satisfied at noon to-day that it was simply a contest of these two rival Companies, and that no other property or personal rights are in the least danger. The Sheriff of Montcalm County was absent. It was the Deputy Sheriff who became alarmed at the presence of 200 or 300 log-men, and telegraphed to Lansing for help. Capt. Smith reported the true state of affairs to the Adjutant-General by telegraph, and this afternoon he received orders to return with his company to Grand Rapids. Accordingly the Guards have just arrived here, and are enthusiastically greeted as the veterans of the pinewood war and the Muskegon campaign of September last. The new corps will undoubtedly

CARRY THINGS THEIR OWN WAY

on Flat Run, and the rights and wrongs of the strife must be settled by the courts. It is stated by persons who have returned with the Guard, that the Greenville dams are to be destroyed to-morrow.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

ADEN, March 24.—The steamship Calcutta, with the remains of Dr. Livingstone on board, arrived here to-day.

LONDON, March 24.—The steamship Faraday, which was built expressly for laying cables, will begin, on the 5th of April, to take on board the cable to be laid directly to the United States.

Another band of journalists went on an excursion over the Midland Railroad in Pullman palace cars, and the London papers are enthusiastic over this new feature in English railway travel. The *Times* says: "Everything fits closely and works smoothly. The eye falls everywhere on mechanical contrivances of that ingenuity which we are accustomed to recognize and describe as American. Now that it has crossed the Atlantic, Pullman's enterprise will not be limited to England."

The Queen will review the soldiers of the Ashantee expedition at Windsor next Monday.

Disraeli has consented to receive a deputation of seventy Irish members of Parliament, who came to urge the release of the Fenian convicts, Dr. Butt and Messrs. Martin, Romayne, Sullivan and others will address the Premier on the occasion. Members of the deputation are very hopeful of receiving a favorable reply.

SPAIN.

BAYONNE, March 24.—The Carlists are throwing incendiary shells into Bilboa with terrible effect. Whole streets are reported to be in flames. A recent engagement before the city resulted in the occupation by the besiegers of Albia, a suburb on the left bank of the Nervione.

LONDON, March 25—5:30 a. m.—A special dispatch from Madrid, to the *Daily News* reports that Don Jose de la Donna, successor of Capt.-Gen. Jovellar at Havana, declines the title of Governor-General of the Antilles, with unlimited power. He will have supreme command over Cuba, and Porto Rico. The same dispatch repeats the report that Gen. Burriel, late Governor of Santiago de Cuba, is to be made a Field-Marshal.

FRANCE.

PARIS, March 24.—The Assembly has resolved to adjourn March 29 until May 2.

A deputation of royalists will soon visit the Count de Chambord, and make a last effort to effect a restoration of the monarchy.

—A salmon caught in the Penobscot on Tuesday sold in Boston Wednesday for $1.50 a pound. It weighed 21 pounds.

WOOLEN GOODS.

IT PAYS TO TRADE
ON THE
West Side
CORNER
MADISON AND PEORIA-STS.
Carson, Pirie & Co.
RETAIL DEPARTMENT,
Invite special attention to the extraordinary low prices they are making on
Woolen Cloths
CASSIMERES, &c.

A line of neat style mixed Tweeds for boys' wear, at 40 cts. yard, great bargain.

Lot of check Union Cassimeres for boys, 25c yard.

Splendid line of all-wool Cassimeres, Tweeds and Suitings, at 70, 75, 80, 90c and $1.00 yard.

New Spring Cassimeres, choice styles, at $1.25 and $1.50, worth $1.75 and $2.00.

Elegant styles new English, Scotch and French Suitings and Trouserings, $1.75, $2.00, and upwards.

Great variety fine 6-4 imported Suitings.

Fine English and French Fancy Coatings, Diagonals, Crepes, Tricots, &c., in latest shades.

West of England, French and Belgian Broadcloths and Doeskins, very cheap.

TAILORS FURNISHED WITH CUT LENGTHS AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

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EXTRACT BUCHU,
The only known remedy for
Bright's Disease,
And a Positive Remedy for
GOUT,
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STRICTURES,
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NERVOUS DEBILITY,
DROPSY,
Non-Retention or Incontinence of Urine, Irritation, Inflammation or Ulceration of the
BLADDER AND KIDNEYS,
Spermatorrhœa, Leucorrhœa or Whites, Diseases of the Prostate Gland,
STONE IN THE BLADDER,
Calculus Gravel or Brickdust Deposit, and Mucus, or Milky Discharges.

KEARNEY'S EXTRACT
BUCHU
Positively and permanently cures all Diseases or Affections of the
BLADDER, KIDNEYS, and
DROPSICAL SWELLINGS,
Existing in Man, Woman, and Children,
NO MATTER WHAT THE AGE.
Price, $1 per Bottle, or Six Bottles for $5.
Depot, No. 104 Duane-st., New York.
Sold by Druggists Everywhere,
and H. BURNHAM & SON and VAN SCHAACK, STEVENSON & REID, Wholesale Agents, Chicago.

LAKE NAVIGATION.

GOODRICH'S
SIDE-WHEEL STEAMERS
On Their Routes.
Steamer MUSKEGON, for Grand Haven Monday Evening, March 30, at 7 o'clock.
Steamer CORONA, for St. Joseph Thursday Evening, April 2, at 11 o'clock.
Steamer OCONTO (temporarily), tri-weekly for Milwaukee, Manitowoc, &c.
Steamer DE PERE, from Milwaukee to Manistee, &c., Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Evenings.
Freights received for all points named above.
Office and Docks, foot of Michigan-av.
T. G. BUTLIN, Sup't.

PRINTS.

Ladies wanting a good Calico that will neither wash out nor fade out, will find in the
"RICHMOND PRINTS"
Something to their purpose. In the large variety of these goods, the
"CHOCOLATE STANDARD STYLES,"
(Copyrighted Tickets),
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(Copyrighted Tickets),
AND
"STANDARD GRAY STYLES."
(Copyrighted Tickets),
Especially recommend themselves for chasteness of design and durability of color. Wholesale buyers throughout the country consider them unequaled. Examine the ticket to be sure you get a RICHMOND PRINT.

GENERAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.
Is hereby given that Mr. Phil Ryan is no more in our employ. He is not authorized to enter in any agreements or to make any collections for our firm.
CHAS. SHOBER & CO.,
Props. Chicago Lithograph Co.
Chicago, March 20, 1874.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATES.
Notice is hereby given that, after the 31st inst., the premiums upon Tax Certificates held by the city for city taxes of 1873 will be increased to 10 per cent.
S. S. HAYES, City Comptroller.

BUSINESS CARDS.

W. F. Stetson & Co.,
Dealers in Patents and Patented Articles.
Over Quincy Market, Boston.

MRS. D. A. JACKSON,
Pattern Importer and Designer. Will sell better and more reliable trimmed and Plain patterns for 25 per cent than can be had in New York for $1. Latest spring styles ready. 61 E. 21st-st., Chicago.

CHROMOS.

NEW EDITION OF CHROMOS!
THE POPULAR CHROMOS,
"RAW RECRUITS," "WASHING DAY," and "IRONING DAY,"
Just reproduced. To be given away by the
GREAT ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC TEA CO.,
No. 35 West Washington-st., 125 Twenty-second-st.

LACES.

NOVELTIES IN
LACES!
FIELD,
LEITER & CO.
State & Washington-sts.,
Will open, on Wednesday, March 25, full lines of Thread and Llama Lace Parasol Covers; Real Thread and Llama Marie Antoinettes; Llama Pelerines, Sashes, &c.; Elegant Valenciennes Pichus, Capes, Collarettes, Vests, Ties, Hdkfs., Sets, &c., &c.; Black Thread and French Lace Veils, latest designs; Nanno Black Thread and Guipure Trimming Laces, at less than half value; and a select assortment of Plain and Beaded Yak Laces, all fashionable and attractive goods, and at attractive prices.
STATE AND WASHINGTON-STS.

BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
UNION NATIONAL BANK
OF CHICAGO,
At Chicago, in the State of Illinois, at Close of Business 27th February, 1874.

RESOURCES.		
Loans & Discounts		$3,016,814.13
Overdrafts		2,021.04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		100,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure deposits		4,000.00
Other Stocks and Bonds		16,333.03
Banking House		411.58
Furniture and Fixtures		6,339.76
Current Expenses		2,007.13
Taxes paid		3,320.00
Premiums		14,188.75
Checks and other cash items		197.15
Exchanges for Clearing-House		16,842.40
Bills of other National Banks	11,420.00	
Fractional Currency (including Nickels)	407.04	
Specie	2,913.10	
Legal Tender Notes	80,000.00	
		94,742.04
		$ 700,036.90
LIABILITIES.		
Capital Stock paid in		$ 250,000.00
Surplus Fund		10,000.00
Discount, Exchange, Interest, Profit and Loss	$ 4,633.95	
	739.51	
	15,683.47	
		20,955.86
National Bank Circulation outstanding		90,000.00
Individual Deposits	$315,932.38	
Demand Certificates of Deposit	2,000.00	
Certified Checks	19.00	
Due to National Banks	18,243.52	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	23,333.74	
		361,601.04
Notes and Bills Rediscounted		67,500.00
		$700,036.90

State of Illinois, Cook County—ss.
I, George W. Fuller, Cashier of The Home National Bank of Chicago, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEORGE W. FULLER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 h day of March, 1874.
CHAS. D. COLE, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: R. P. DICKINSON, WM. H. GWINGTON, A. L. CHETLAIN, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF
The Home National Bank,
AT CHICAGO,
In the State of Illinois, at the Close of Business Feb. 27, 1874.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts		$443,645.15
Overdrafts		25.60
		$ 443,670.75
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		100,000.00
U. S. Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages		4,000.00
Due from Redeeming and Reserve Agents		16,333.03
Due from National Banks		411.58
Furniture and Fixtures		6,339.76
Current Expenses		2,007.13
Taxes paid		3,320.00
Premiums Paid		14,188.75
Revenue Stamps and other Cash Items		197.15
Exchanges for Clearing-House		16,842.40
Bills of other National Banks	11,420.00	
Fractional Currency (including Nickels)	407.04	
Specie	2,913.10	
Legal Tender Notes	80,000.00	
		94,742.04
		$ 700,036.90
LIABILITIES.		
Capital Stock paid in		$ 250,000.00
Surplus Fund		10,000.00
Discount and Interest	$ 4,633.95	
Exchange	739.51	
Profit and Loss	15,683.47	
		20,955.86
National Bank Circulation outstanding		90,000.00
Individual Deposits	$315,932.38	
Demand Certificates of Deposit	2,000.00	
Certified Checks	19.00	
Due to National Banks	18,243.52	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	23,333.74	
		361,601.04
Notes and Bills Rediscounted		67,500.00
		$700,036.90

State of Illinois, County of Cook—ss.
I, H. W. Crosby, of the firm of Fox & Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
H. W. CROSBY.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of March, 1874.
O. W. HEYE, Notary Public.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION.
Through mutual consent, the partnership of KAUTSKY, JENKINSON & KEITZ has this day been dissolved. Mr. Kautsky will continue the business of manufacturing Moulding and Frames at the southwest corner of Franklin and VanBuren-sts., and collect the accounts and pay the debts of the old firm.
W. KAUTSKY,
D. W. JENKINSON,
JOSEPH KEITZ.

BANK STATEMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
Cook County National Bank,
AT CHICAGO,
In the State of Illinois, at the Close of Business, on the 27th Day of February, 1874.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts		$1,215,334.63
Overdrafts		13,231.13
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		251,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure deposits		100,000.00
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages		33,000.00
Due from Approved Redeeming and Reserve Agents		139,615.24
Due from Other National Banks		51,840.79
Due from State Banks and Bankers		6,613.42
Furniture and Fixtures		5,701.50
Current Expenses	$7,372.62	
Taxes Paid	7,083.43	
		14,456.24
Premiums Paid		50,000.00
Revenue Stamps		1,027.31
Checks and other Cash Items		13,082.36
Exchanges for Clearing-House		48,454.44
Bills of other National Banks		49,276.00
Fractional Currency (including Nickels)		1,383.93
Legal Tender Notes		265,000.00
		$2,401,335.37
LIABILITIES.		
Capital Stock paid in		750,000.00
Surplus Fund		50,000.00
Discount, Exchange, Interest	$ 3,949.19	
Profit and Loss	25,707.54	
		29,649.73
Circulating Notes Received from Comptroller		215,000.00
Dividends Unpaid		933.00
Individual Deposits, Subject to Check	$320,923.16	
Demand Certificates of Deposit	30,967.75	
Time Certificates of Deposit	20,266.00	
Certified Checks	5,630.31	
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	3,591.83	
		416,422.55
United States Deposits		176,294.38
Due to National Banks	324,037.09	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	329,395.73	
		653,432.71
		$2,401,335.37

I, A. West, Cashier of the Cook County National Bank of Chicago, Illinois, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
A. WEST, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: CHARLES STUART, R. J. MURPHY, H. C. NUTT, Directors.
State of Illinois, County of Cook, ss.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th day of March, 1874.
J. E. McQUISTON, Notary Public.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
National Bank of Commerce
OF CHICAGO,
At Close of Business on the 27th day of February, 1874.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts		$ 507,217.99
Overdrafts		9,850.75
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		132,000.00
U. S. Bonds to secure deposits		500.00
Other Stocks and Bonds		950.00
Due from Redeeming and Reserve Agents	$1,151.71	
Due from other National Banks	36,964.52	
Due from other Banks and Bankers	47,072.17	
		85,188.40
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures		4,548.00
Current Expenses		1,738.79
Taxes Paid		2,742.33
Premiums Paid		10,000.00
Revenue Stamps and other Cash Items	9,078.49	
Exchanges for Clearing-House	20,619.57	
Bills of other National Banks	10,460.00	
Fractional Currency	2,024.41	
Specie	5,493.47	
Legal-Tender Notes	124,000.00	
		181,372.26
		$1,054,163.64
LIABILITIES.		
Capital Stock paid in		$ 250,000.00
Surplus		15,000.00
Discount and Interest	$ 6,843.83	
Current Expenses	2,051.65	
Profit and Loss	2,503.21	
		11,400.67
Circulation		112,500.00
Dividends Unpaid		402.50
Individual Deposits	$399,000.64	
Certified Checks	13,440.00	
Deposits National Banks	152,072.36	
Deposits in Banks and Bankers	184,270.00	
		658,440.67
		$1,054,163.64

State of Illinois, County of Cook—ss.
I, Edwin Maynard, Cashier of the National Bank of Commerce of Chicago, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
EDWIN MAYNARD, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of March, 1874.
GILBERT ROBERTSON, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. H. McVICKER, E. M. PHELPS, P. C. MAYNARD, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
German National Bank
OF CHICAGO,
At the Close of Business on Friday, Feb. 27, 1874.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and discounts		$ 927,894.13
Overdrafts		3,748.64
United States bonds to secure circulation		450,000.00
United States bonds to secure deposits		5,885.00
Due from Redeeming and Reserve Agents		114,374.53

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

MONETARY.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 24.

There are no features in the local money market worthy of special notice except the gradual accumulation of loanable funds. We find more banks that want to lend money at 8 per cent on prime collaterals for ninety days, or even six months. The general belief is now that money will be unusually plenty here all summer. A large amount of loans on pork, provisions, and grain will probably be paid off within the next three or four weeks, in consequence of the opening of navigation, and the banks will then have more money to loan than ever.

The statements of the banks now being published will probably show that the aggregate deposits of the National Banks of Chicago were between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000 greater on Feb. 26 than they were on Dec. 26. But there has been a greater increase in this particular since Feb. 26 than in either January or February. Upon inquiry, we find that the aggregate deposits of four of the leading National Banks of the city are to-day—March 24—$1,166,000 greater than on Feb. 26, while in the same time there has been an increase of only $478,600 of loans. The deposits of these four banks have probably increased in greater ratio than the majority of the others, but, making all due allowance for this fact, we estimate that the deposits of the National Banks of Chicago are at least $4,000,000 greater than they were a month ago, and that the loans have not increased more than $500,000 in the same time. This would show a net increase of $1,500,000 of unemployed money in the National Banks of this city since Feb. 26, the date to which the statements now being published refer. It is therefore apparent that the statements of the banks will be of little value in showing their current condition and the state of the money market.

New York exchange was higher to-day, and quotable at 50c per $1,000 premium. The accumulation of money here makes some of the banks desirous of sending some of it off to New York, where they can get 4 per cent interest on it. Hence the increased demand for exchange.

Gold was ¼ of 1 per cent higher to-day than yesterday, in consequence of the vote of the House of Representatives to authorize the $44,000,000 reissue of greenbacks. Considering that the Senate Finance Committee has already proposed to authorize the $26,000,000 now outstanding, and the possibility that the Senate will yet agree to authorize the whole $44,000,000, the effect on the value of the currency is very small. It is probable that, even if the whole $44,000,000 is authorized and the remaining $18,000,000 of that amount is paid out in the purchase of bonds, it would not cause any important advance in the price of gold.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Preston, Kean & Co. quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
United States 6s of '81	120	120¼
United States 5-20s of '62	117¾	118¼
United States 5-20s of '64	118¾	119¼
United States 5-20s of '65	120	120¼
United States 5-20s of '65—January and July	118¾	119¼
United States 5-20s of '67—January and July	119¾	119¾
United States 5-20s of '68—January and July	119¾	119¾
10-40s	114¾	115¼
United States 6s (new issue)	114½	115
United States currency 6s	116¾	117¼
Gold (full weight)	117¾	117¾
Gold coupons	117¾	118¼
Gold exchange	111¾	112¼
Sterling	4.85@4.88	
Chicago City 7s	98 & int.	99½ & int.
Cook County 7s	98 & int.	99½ & int.
Town, county, and city 10 per cent bonds		95@97½

LATEST.

New York, March 24.—Customs receipts, $409,000.

The Treasury disbursed $63,000.

Produce exports for the week, $5,413,034.

Money easy at 5@7 per cent.

Sterling specie 60 days at 4.85 for 60 days; $4.87¼@4.88 for sight.

Gold ranged at 112@112¾; closed at 112¾.

Carrying rates, 2@4.

Clearings, $23,600,000.

State bonds dull.

Governments steady and unchanged.

There was considerable activity in rail road bonds, especially Northwestern and Milwaukee & St. Paul. Stocks opened strong at an average of ¼c advance over yesterday's closing price. The market fluctuated somewhat under contradictory rumors from Washington regarding financial legislation, and closed strong at an advance of ¼@1½ over the lowest figures of to-day. The principal features were Western Union, Pacific Mail, New York Central, Lake Shore, Union Pacific, Northwestern common and Wabash. The total transactions of to-day were probably 200,000 shares, including 22,500 Western Union, 44,000 Lake Shore, 26,000 Pacific Mail, 11,000 Northwestern common, 15,000 Wabash, and 11,500 Union Pacific.

Sterling Exchange, $4.85.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	120¾	Coupons, '67	119¾
Coupons, '62	117¾	Coupons, '68	119¾
Coupons, '64	119¾	10-40s	114¾
Coupons, '65	120¾	Sixes	115
Coupons, '65 (new)	117¾	Currency 6s	117

STATE BONDS.

Missouri	94	Virginias, old	52
Tennessee, old	52	North Carolina, old	32
Tennessee, new	51½	North Carolina, new	21½
Virginia, new	51½		

STOCKS.

Canton	72	St. Paul pfd	64
Western Union	94¾	Wabash	46¾
Quicksilver	30½	Wabash pfd	68¾
Adams Express	98	Fort Wayne	98¾
Wells Fargo	75¾	Terre Haute	11
American Express	64	Terre Haute pfd	30
United States Ex	70	Chicago & A., ex. div.	103
Pacific Mail	45¼	C. & A. pfd, ex. div.	104
New York C	100½	Ohio & Mississippi	104¾
Erie	43	Cleve., Chi. & Col.	77
Erie pfd	69¼	Chi., Bur. & Quincy	103¾
Harlem	129	Lake Shore	93¾
Harlem pfd	130	Indiana Central	31
Michigan Central	85½	Illinois Central	104
Pittsburgh Ft. W.	83½	Union Pacific stock	34¾
Northwestern	51¾	Union Pacific bonds	84¾
Northwestern pfd	82½	Central Pacific bonds	93¾
Rock Island	105½	Del., Lack. & Western	109¾
New Jersey Central	104½	Boston, Hart. & Erie	1¾
St. Paul	31¾		

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Tuesday, March 24:

CITY PROPERTY.

Prairie av, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third sts, w f, 24½x166½ ft, dated March 23; consideration, $11,300.

Butterfield st, 165½ ft n of Thirty-eighth st, e f, 25x97 ft, dated March 11; consideration, $4,500.

Centre av, s w corner of Monroe st, s f, 40x150 ft, dated March 12; consideration, $11,000.

Shober st, 371 ft n of North av, e f, 25x124½ ft, dated March 6; consideration, $650.

North Dearborn st, s e corner of Indiana st, e f, 25x100 ft, dated March 13; consideration, $6,000.

Southport av, n w corner of Webster av, e f, 99 7-10x128 ft, buildings, dated March 24; consideration, $9,000.

Division st, 269 ft e of Sedgwick st, s f, 22x136 ft, dated March 24; consideration, $2,500.

Oakley av, 125 ft n of Polk st, w f, 25x125½ ft, dated July 23, 1873; consideration, $1,000.

State st, near Thirteenth st, e f, 40x100 ft, dated March 19; consideration, $18,000.

Lime st, 123 ft n of Twenty-seventh st, w f, 25x109 ft, dated Oct. 25, 1873; consideration, $800.

Webster av, 72 ft w of Hermitage st, s f, 24x150 ft, dated March 16; consideration, $2,000.

West Huron st, 480 ft e of Noble st, n f, 24x119 ft, improvements, dated March 23; consideration, $2,400.

Wabash st, 91½ ft n of Thirty-first st, e f, 26x130½, buildings, dated March 14; consideration, $3,000.

Sedgwick st, 50 ft s of Menominee st, w f, 25x100 39-100 ft, dated March 11; consideration, $56,000.

Sigel st, 189 ft e of Hoffman av, n f, 25x100 ft, dated March 20; consideration, $2,000.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

N ½ of Lot 1, in Block 1, of Rock S, s ½ of Sec 29, 39, 14, dated March 3; consideration, $6,000.

Lot 3, in Block 2, Village of Ravenswood, dated March 20; consideration, $600.

Lot 3, in Block 9, of Block 1, e ½ of Sec 29, 40, 14, dated March 4; consideration, $1,200.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 37, Drummond Block 7, of Taylor & Kringle's s ½ of n w ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated March 7; consideration, $700.

Lot 36, in same, dated March 17; consideration, $600.

S e ¼ of w ¼ s e ¼ Sec 10, 36, 13 (36 acres), dated March 19; consideration, $12,000.

Lot 39, in Block 1, of n 76 rods of n e ¼ Sec 4, 36, 14, dated March 14; consideration, $2,716.

Five acres in n w ¼ Sec 11, 38, 13, dated March 6; consideration, $6,000.

Lot 47, in Berry's Subdivision in n e corner of s e ¼ of n w ¼ Sec. 17, 38, 14, dated March 24; consideration, $350.

Lot 24 in Hale's Lots 8 to 8, inc., in Robinson's s ½ of n e ¼ Sec. 8, 38, 14; dated March 14; consideration, $4,000.

North 33 ft of Lot 9, in Block 14, Egandale, dated March 19; consideration, $1,920.

Greenwood av, s f, 109x138 ft, in Block 14, Egandale, dated March 18; consideration, $6,000.

Same to same, same.

Forty acres in Hawthorne, dated Feb. 25; consideration, $35,000. John Garrett to Benjamin W. Underwood.

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 24.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.
Flour, brls	10,729	13,914	8,834	13,236
Wheat, bu	69,380	34,980	24,178	12,640
Corn, bu	48,400	61,620	14,643	18,434
Oats, bu	49,175	84,869	26,277	27,709
Rye, bu	950	1,167	1,050	811
Barley, bu	4,230	9,940	2,232	18,206
Grass seed, lbs	210,750	86,135	205,804	105,548
Flax seed, lbs	36,600		85,345	
Broom corn, lbs	14,600	14,600		13,126
Cured meats, lbs	861,920	948,483	1418,414	1105,070
Beef, brls	70		264	276
Pork, brls	736	2	135	309
Lard, lbs	92,200	69,320	121,900	187,545
Tallow, lbs	12,754	54,970		8,600
Butter, lbs	86,078	57,582	12,035	23,570
Dressed hogs, No	1,288	52		580
Live hogs, No	11,705	3,384	3,542	7,635
Cattle, No	4,017	3,349	2,126	2,937
Sheep, No	1,728	923	426	373
Hides, lbs	144,374	173,220	128,473	186,340
Highwines, brls	429	254	440	210
Wool, lbs	10,030	47,950	2,450	26,670
Potatoes, bu	1,613	4,734	200	37
Lumber, No. ft	511,000	618,000	1304,000	1208,000
Shingles, No	320,000	2930,000	1070,000	941,000
Lath, No	80,000	460,000	72,300	76,000
Salt, brls	750	140	1,047	751

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 1,673 bu wheat; 3,854 bu corn; 1,316 bu oats; 1,037 bu rye; 340 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 15 cars wheat; 30 cars corn; 7 cars oats; 3 cars rye; 4 cars barley. To'al, 68 cars, or 23,000 bu.

The leading produce markets were more active to-day, with no great departure from the average of prices established yesterday. There was little encouragement in the tone of advices from other points; but the feeling here was strong, principally as a consequence of the fact that money is more plentiful, which enables many to operate more largely than they had done for several weeks past.

There was considerable activity in the dry-goods market, and prices were steadier and more uniform. The attendance of interior buyers is noticeably on the increase, and the spring trade may now be considered as fairly opened. The increasing activity imparts to the trade a more confident, feeling, and no further material price reductions are likely to be made. In the grocery market there was a liberal amount of trading at well-sustained prices. The coffee market still shows a lack of strength, but in sugars, syrups, molasses, rice, teas, and most other lines the feeling is unqualifiedly firm. Butter was neglected and lower. Shippers seem afraid to handle it just at this juncture, and as the supply largely exceeds local requirements prices may be expected to continue on their downward course. Bagging remains quiet and steady at the recent decline. No changes were noted in the cheese and canned-goods markets. Dried fruits were moving a little more freely at a shade firmer prices, except raisins, in which there was a further decline. Apples, peaches, and all domestics were firmly held. The fish trade was reasonably active at firmly maintained prices. The only change reported was an advance of 25c in family mackerel. Coal, pig iron, leather, and tobacco were quoted dull and unchanged. Oils were comparatively steady, quotations being 14½@15c for carbon, 63c for extra lard, $1.03@1.08 for linseed, and 56c for turpentine.

A reasonably fair business was transacted at the lumber yards at unchanged prices. Shingles are quoted at $3.25 on track, and mill at $2.12½ afloat. Hardware was steady under a tolerably fair demand. Iron, nails, naval goods, and building materials were unchanged. In drugs and chemicals several changes are noticed; a number of articles have advanced, among them corrosive sublimate and iodine. There were no new features in wool, hops, or broom-corn. The demand is only for a small lot to meet current wants. Hay was inquired for to a moderate extent by local dealers. The receipts were adequate, though not large, and recent prices were generally obtained. Seeds were active and timothy and clover advanced. The demand for potatoes keeps fully up to the supply, and previous prices were fully maintained. Poultry was in better city demand, and choice stock was a shade higher. Eggs were weak, owing to larger offerings.

Lake freights were inactive, shippers and carriers being so far apart that neither side would take the trouble to name figures which would be rejected by the other.

Highwines were quiet and steady at yesterday's quotations. Sales were limited to 100 brls at 90c per gallon. New York was firm, and Cincinnati higher.

Provisions were quite active, and stronger all round. Mess pork advanced 10c per brl, with large transactions, though the bulk of the business consisted of changing over, the transfer from April to June being made for a difference of 55c per brl. The present stocks are large, but the market is strengthened by the belief that the hogs have been so freely drawn upon by the high prices current during the past winter that early next season will be scarce. It is strong was the feeling, that mess pork for delivery next September sold at $16.50 per brl, and there were free buyers at $16.25 all through the session. That is a premium of $1.90 per brl for carrying a little more than five months. Lard was quiet, but 2½@5c per 100 lbs higher, with more buyers than sellers. Meats were quiet, but strong at full previous prices, with a notable increase of inquiry for shoulders, which have been neglected for a couple of weeks past. The market closed firm at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller March, $14.65@14.70; do seller April, $14.72½@14.75; do seller May, $14.95@15.00; do seller June, $15.37½@15.90; prime mess pork, $12.50@12.75; extra prime do, $11.25@11.50. Lard, cash or seller March, $8.95@8.97½; do seller April, $8.97½@9.00; do seller May, $9.15@9.17½; do seller June, $9.30@9.35. Sweet-pickled hams, 9@10¼c; dry salted meats, loose, at 5½@6½c for shoulders, 7¾@7¾c for Cumberlands, 8@8¼c for long clear, $7.90@7.95 for short ribs, 8¼@9¼c for short clear; the same boxed at ¼c per lb above these prices. Meats for April delivery a shade higher, and for May ¼@⅝c higher than cash prices. Bacon meats, 6¾c for shoulders, 8¼c for long clear, 9¼@9¾c for short clear; all packed in bbls; the same loose, ¼c lower. Bacon hams, 11¾@12¾. Mess beef, $8.75@9.00; extra mess do, $9.75@10.00; beef hams, $23.00@23.50. City tallow, 6¾c; grease quotable at 4¾@7c. Sales were reported of 130 brls mess pork, at $14.70; 200 brls do at $14.65; 100 brls do at $14.60; 250 brls do, seller April, at $14.72½; 2,000 brls do at $14.70; 2,000 brls do at $14.65; 5,500 brls do at $14.60; 1,000 brls do, seller May, at $14.95; 1,000 brls do, seller June, at $15.25; 1,500 brls do at $15.90; 5,500 brls do at $15.15; 500 brls do, seller September, at $16.50; 100 tcs lard (named brand) at 9½c; 315 tcs do (in lots) at $8.95; 625 tcs do, seller April, at $9.00; 350 tcs do at $8.97½; 1,250 tcs do at $8.95; 300 tcs do, seller May, at $9.15; 300 boxes shoulders at 6¾c; 900,000 lbs do, seller April, at 5.45 loose; 50 tcs sweet-pickled hams (18 lbs) at 9¾c; 100 tcs do (20 lbs) at 9c.

Flour was duller than usual, there being no outside demand, and but a few lots wanted by the local trade. Prices were nominally unchanged, holders refusing to shade further without a marked decline in wheat. Bran was 25c per ton lower. Sales were reported of 100 brls white winter extras on private terms; 500 brls spring extras at $5.65@5.75; 37 brls do at $5.75; 450 brls do on private terms; 100 brls superfines at $4.00. Total, 1,187 brls. Also, 10 tons bran at $17.25, on track; 10 tons middlings at $20.00, at mill. The following were the asking quotations at the close:

Fair to good white winters	$ 7.00 @ 8.00
Choice do	8.50 @ 9.25
Red winters	6.75 @ 7.00
Choice spring extras	5.90 @ 6.00
Medium to good do	5.00 @ 5.50
Good to choice Minnesota	5.75 @ 6.75
Patent do	8.00 @11.50
Fair to choice spring, superfine	3.75 @ 4.50
Common do	3.00 @ 3.50
Rye flour	4.75 @ 5.00
Buckwheat do	4.00 @ 4.50
Bran	17.50 @17.75

Wheat was active, and first but averaged ½c lower than yesterday, owing to a further decline in Liverpool, which was probably due to the recent falling off in ocean freights. The inspection list of this morning was very light, showing only 15 cars, but operators have learned that this is not as good a gauge of the bulletin figures for the next day as it used to be. Hence if made little difference in the tone of the market, especially as there is a prospect of large receipts soon from Minnesota, owing to the anxiety of the Northwestern Railroad management to send the grain forward before their rates are competed with by the opening of navigation on the Mississippi River. But there was a good speculative demand, which took up all the option offerings, though a good many of the shorts still held off, expecting to be able to fill in at a profit when the boys began to unload" the wheat coming to them on April deliveries. There was a very light inquiry for cash wheat, and apparently none of it wanted for shipment. Seller April opened at $1.17½, rose to $1.17¾, receded to $1.17⅜, advanced to $1.18¾, and closed at $1.18½. Seller May sold at $1.22½@1.23, closing at $1.22¾. Regular No. 2 spring, or seller the month, closed nominal at $1.17¾. Receipts of No. 2 dated since the 17th, closed at $1.19. The storage No. 1 spring closed at $1.23¾; No. 2 do at $1.14¾, and rejected at $1.07. Cash sales were reported of 10,400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.08¼; 5,400 bu No. 2 spring, strictly fresh, at $1.13½; 400 bu do, fresh, at $1.13¾; 400 bu No. 3 spring at $1.14¾; 600 bu rejected spring at $1.07. Total, 25,400 bu.

Corn was quiet and and dull through the greater part of the session, but averaged ½c higher than yesterday, though Liverpool was quoted per 480 lbs lower. Mess pork was firm and active, however, a much better demand existing there for exports, owing to the belief that the stocks of old corn in the West are running quite low. This view of the case is apparently borne out by our continued small receipts, and the fact that buying orders from the country are the numerous to-day. The exports of corn from the seaboard last week were very large. Seller April opened at 61¾c, advanced to 61¾c, receded to 61¾c, rose to 62¾c, and closed strong at 62c. Seller May sold at 64¾@65c, closing at 64¾c; and seller June sold at 64¾@64¾c. Regular No. 2 corn was inactive; fresh receipts of do closed firm at 62½c; do of new No. 2 at 60c; of old rejected at 59½c; and of new do at 57½c. Cash sales were reported of 9,800 bu high mixed (part to arrive) at 63c; 8,800 bu No. 2 old at 62¾c; 800 bu do new at 60c; 1,200 bu do at 59c; 1,600 bu rejected old at 59½c; 8,600 bu do at 59c; 2,400 bu do new at 57½c; 800 bu yellow at 61c, free on cars. Total, 27,000 bu.

Oats were very quiet, but firm at the outside prices of yesterday, with scarcely anything offered, and not much demand, though New York was quoted stronger. The daily receipts were larger than usual. Seller May sold at 46¾c, and closed steady. Seller April was nominal at 43½c asky, and 43¾c later. Regular No. 2 was about 43½c, and current receipts of do were in fair request at 44½c. Rejected was wanted at 43¾c for current receipts. Cash sales were reported of 1,800 bu No. 2 strictly fresh at 44¼c; 600 bu by sample at 50c; 200 bu do at 43c; 800 bu do at 45c; 600 bu do at 47c. Total, 4,800 bu.

Rye was in urgent demand, and advanced 1½@2c per bu in consequence, the reported decrease of our stocks of all grades to only 35,916 bu, with a scant daily supply, causing buyers to take hold wilfingly, under the impression that there may yet prove to be a partial famine of the article. The market closed strong at 87c for regular No. 2. Sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2 (fresh receipts) at 88c; 800 bu regular do at 87c; and 5,000 bu do on private terms. Total, 6,200 bu.

Barley was again very quiet, with sales principally of sample lots. The offerings were very light, and the market ruled a shade firmer, at $1.48@1.50 for regular to fresh receipts of No. 2 in ordinary houses. No. 3 was entirely nominal at $1.35@1.37, and rejected do at $1.23@1.25. Cash sales were reported of 2,800 bu No. 2 (part to storage and part winter in Northwestern Elevator) at $1.50; 400 bu do at $1.49; 400 bu by sample at $1.70, on track; 1,600 bu do at $1.35; 500 bu do at $1.32; delivered. Total, 5,700 bu.

The following are the footings of the official statement of grain in store in this city on the evening of Saturday last, and as corresponding dates:

	March 21, 1874.	March 14, 1874.	March 22, 1873.
WHEAT.			
No. 1 red	224	224	
No. 2 red	677	677	
No. 3 winter			
No. 1 spring	109,033	124,079	1.12
No. 2 spring	2,241,223	2,320,133	1,716,417
No. 3 spring	1,000,000	1,000,000	246,000
No. 1 N. W. spring	118,094	122,866	3,170
No. 2 N. W. spring	214,257	246,142	82,414
Rejected spring	21,007	13,042	82,640
No grade spring			1,000
Total	3,485,672	3,524,081	2,475,040
CORN.			
Yellow	13,880	11,091	51,704
No. 1	23,310	23,310	201,500
High mixed	431,200	428,623	
No. 2	2,120,780	2,000,059	5,406,530
No. 2 mixed	89,823	82,239	218,721
No. 3	6,342	6,342	3,533
New rejected	60,719	74,704	961
No. 2 kiln dried			3,533
No grade	445	761	961
New high mixed	9,007	10,189	
Total	2,757,569	2,632,581	5,986,998
OATS.			
No. 1	778	778	2,617
No. 2 white	65,230	68,760	
No. 2	730,321	806,416	1,698,134
Rejected	4,119	4,330	27,147
No grade	2,197	2,207	582
Total	802,745	880,561	1,727,051
RYE.			
No. 1	222	222	5,574
No. 2	34,981	42,041	296,060
Rejected	613	613	2,272
No grade	100	100	
Total	35,916	42,943	302,906
BARLEY.			
No. 1	140,679	153,897	217,444
No. 2	66,426	69,654	62,134
Rejected	26,455	29,078	47,344
No grade	9,138	9,138	1,000
Total	242,558	261,829	328,922

Total of all kinds, 7,412,460 bu. These figures show an increase during the week of 105,008 bu corn; and a decrease of 34,409 bu wheat; 13,817 bu oats, 7,030 bu rye, and 14,471 bu barley. Total increase, 35,231 bu.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

The following advices were received on 'Change to-day, in addition to those given in our telegraphic columns:

MARCH 24—London—Cargoes on passage, wheat neglected, no business done; good cargoes No. 2 spring wheat off coast, 55s 3d; good cargoes California wheat off coast, 61s; fair average spring wheat for shipment in April and May, 54s 6d@55s; mixed corn, 36s@36s 6d. English and French country markets for wheat generally cheaper. Liverpool—Wheat dull; California club, 12s 8d@12s 11d; California white, 12s 2d@12s 6d; spring wheat, 11s 3d@11s 11d; American mixed corn, 36s 6d.

EXPORTS FROM THE SEABOARD.

The following are the aggregate exports of the articles named from the ports of Portland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Baltimore for the week ending March 21:

Flour, brls	27,504	Pork, brls	6,448
Wheat, bu	400,227	Bacon, lbs	2,281,855
Corn, bu	116,622	Lard, lbs	4,258,160
Rye, bu	7,672		

LATER.

Wheat was fairly active in the afternoon, and advanced ¾c; then declined, and closed about the same as on 'Change. Seller April sold at $1.18@1.18¾, closing at $1.18¾@1.18¾; seller May at $1.22¾@1.23¾, closing at $1.23. Corn was quiet and a shade easier, at 61¾@62c seller April, and 64¾@64¾c seller May.

CASH BOARD.

Mess pork was active and a shade easier for April; other options were steady. Lard was steady and meats nominal. Mess pork, cash or seller the month, closed at $14.65@14.70; seller April, $14.70@14.72½; seller May, $14.95@15.00; seller June, $15.30@15.35. Lard, cash or seller the month, offered at $8.95; seller April, $8.97½@9.00; seller May, $9.15@9.20. Short ribs, cash or seller the month, no offers; seller April, $7.90@7.95; seller May, $8.12½ bid. Shoulders, cash or seller the month, offered at 6¾c; seller April, $5.40@5.45; seller May, $5.80@6.00. Short clear, cash or seller the month, offered at 8¼c; seller April, offered at 8½c; seller May, no bids, no offers. Sales include 2,500 brls mess pork, seller April, at $14.70; 1,250 brls do seller May at $15.00; 1,500 bu do seller June at $15.30; 250 tcs lard, seller April, at 9c; 250 tcs do seller May at 9c.17½.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

TUESDAY MORNING, March 24.

ALCOHOL—Was steady at $1.84@1.89 for 94 per cent proof.

BAGGING—But slight improvement in any of the features of this market is noticeable. The continued absence of anything resembling activity in the demand has induced an easier feeling, and since our last weekly review the different brands of grain-bags (Amoskeag excepted) have been reduced 1c. Burlaps and gunnies remain unchanged. Wool sacks are inactive and nominal. We quote: Stark, 24c; Lindlow A, 23c; Lewiston A, 22c; American A, 20c; Amoskeag, 20c; Otter Creek, 22c; burlap bags, 4 and 8 lbs, 18@20c; gunnies, 2-ridges, 17@18c; do double, 27@30c; wool sacks, 60@65c.

BROOM-CORN—Continued quietness reigns in this market, and prices are little better than nominal. A few small orders are received each day, but the market is, generally speaking, very quiet. Prices are without quotable change, as follows: Choice to extra hurl, 6@8½c; corn that will work itself into a choice hurl broom, 7½@8c; for good do, 6@7c; good to choice stalk brush, 7½@8c; inferior brush, 4@5½c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—The local demand is fair, and common brick are firm: Sinco, $2.50; New York stucco, casting, $3.25@3.50; Utica, Louisville, and Akron cement, $2.00 ₱ bbl; Portland cement, $4.00@7.50; lime in bulk, 80c@$1.00 a bush (brls) $1.60@1.75 ₱ brl; white sand, ₱ brl, $1.60@2.00; plastering hair, ₱ bu, 40c; fire brick, ₱ 1,000, $25.00@30.00; building brick (common), $7.25@7.50; pressed brick, $14.00@15.00; Milwaukee and Racine pressed, $18.00@20.00. Lath, do common, $10.00@15.00; fire-clay, ₱ brl, $3.00@4.00.

BUTTER—The past few days have witnessed a very pronounced change in the position of the market. The activity and firmness of a few weeks previous have disappeared, and dullness and depression are now the ruling features. A break at the East has caused a suspension of active operations on the part of shippers, and the prospect of materially lower prices by and by has also resulted in a cessation of purchases by local consumers, and since our last review prices have declined a strong 3@4c per lb. Stocks are now rapidly accumulating, and the course of the market may be expected to continue downward for some time to come. Following are the prices current: Choice to fancy yellow, 35@40; medium to good grades, 32@35c; inferior to common, 22@30c; common to choice roll, 20@30c.

CHEESE—Under this head there are no new features to note. A steadily fair demand for good to prime factory is noted, and for such the market retains its firm tone. Country dealers, as a class, are now reasons in the hands of distributors, and they will probably not have any difficulty in sustaining present prices until prime new comes forward. We continue to quote: New York factory, held, 17@18c; Ohio and Western factory, do, held, 15@16c; lower grades, 11@14c.

COAL—Prices range about the same as for the past four weeks or more. Anthracite is nominally firm, but soft descriptions may be bought at a greater or less concession from the quotations. We make no change in our list: Lehigh, screened, $11.00; Lackawanna, $9.50; Cannel, at 55@6.00; Erie and Walnut Hill, $4.50; Brookville, $4.00; Pittsburg, $5.50@6.00; Kirkland (Ky.), $7.00; Big Vein Valley, $5.50; Indiana block, $5.50; Missouri, $5.00; Hocking, $5.00; Sterling, $5.00.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS—Several articles have advanced since last week, among them corrosive sublimate, gum shellac, and iodine. Following are the quotations:

Acids, citric, b	$1.50	@	1.55
Acid, oxalic, b	23	@	30
Acid, tartaric, powdered, b	58	@	65
Ammonia, carb, b	35	@	38
Asafœtida, b	45	@	50
Axle-grease, Bidwell's, doz	1.50	@	1.55
Beans, Tonga, b	90	@	1.00
Borax, ref, b	30	@	35
Blue-vitriol, b	14	@	16
Bromo-chloralum, pts., doz			4.00
Corrosive sublimate	1.65	@	1.70
Cream tartar, pure, b	45	@	50
Cochineal, Honduras, b	90	@	1.00
Chloroform, b	1.20	@	1.25
Glycerine, 1 b bulk, b	30	@	35
Gum Arabic, picked	60	@	65
Gum Arabic, sorts	40	@	45
Gum camphor, b	35	@	40
Gum opium, b	8.25	@	8.50
Gum shellac, b	75	@	85
Glue, white, b	45	@	50
Iodine, b	7.75	@	8.00
Lye, conc, case	5.00	@	6.25
Morphia, sulph, oz	6.00	@	6.25
Oil, bergamot, bond, b	6.00	@	6.50
Oil, castor, gal	2.00	@	2.25
Oil, lemon, Sanferoux	5.25	@	5.75
Potzess, chlor., b	45	@	50
Potassium, cyan, fused, b	85	@	....
Potassium, iod, b	3.25	@	3.75
Potass, bi-tart, b	35	@	....
Quinine, sulph, oz	2.60	@	2.65
Red precip., b	1.95	@	2.00
Root pecac, powd., b	1.50	@	1.75
Root rhei, R. I., powd., b	1.25	@	1.50
Sal æratus, b	3½	@	4
Silver, nit, cryst, oz	1.10	@	1.35
Soap, castile, gen., b	12	@	13
Sulphur, b	4½	@	5

SEEDS—Were in dull sale, and sold at 15@30c. This indicated shippers to take hold, and prices advanced to 13@14c. The cooler weather has also helped to create firmness by checking the receipts. At the moment the offerings are larger, and prices are tending downward.

PORK—Some slight falling-off in the demand has been noticeable within the past few days, but the movement is still in excess of former years at a like period, and the general market shows no signs of weakening. The fact that some considerable lots of Milwaukee and Green, that have been held by outside parties, were thrown upon the market early in the week, will account for the lower quotations of 1@2c flat. The reduction of 25c per 100 lbs being noted. Now that navigation has been disposed of, the chief interest is again in a firm position. Mackerel are strong, and in a "family" an advance has taken place. Cod also are firm. We quote: No. 1 whitefish, ½-brl, $7.25@7.50; No. 2 do, $6.00@6.25; No. 1 trout, $7.75@8.00; No. 2 do, $6.00@6.25; No. 1 shore mackerel, new, ½-brl, $13.50@14.00; No. 1 do, ¼-brl, $7.00@7.25; No. 2 mackerel, ½-brl, $12.50@13.00; family mackerel, ½-brl, $7.50@7.75; No. 1 shore kits, $3.25@3.50; No. 2 do, $2.75@3.00; No. 1 Labrador herring, split brls, $8.50@9.00; do, ½-brl, $4.25@4.50; Labrador herring, round brl, $7.50@8.00; do, ½-brl, $4.00@4.25; box herring, No. 1, 30@35c; box herring, scaled, 20@45c; Columbia River salmon, ½-brls, $8.50@9.00.

FRUITS AND NUTS—The week under review has been a rather quiet one in this branch of trade, and in imported varieties an easier feeling has prevailed. Domestic, owing to the generally indirect condition of roads, is without any feature of full previous week. Among the changes noted during the week was a decline of 25c per box in layer raisins, and 50c in loose Muscatel. Prunes and currants are also "off" ¼c. At the present moment the market is fairly active, and prices are as follows: Foreign—Dates, 10½@11c; figs, drums, 12½@13½c; figs, in boxes, layers, 15@16c; Turkish prunes, 12@14c; raisins, Valencia, 12½@13c; Malaga, 13½@14c; Sultana, 15@16c; Zante currants, 7¼@8¼c; prunes, French, 8@9c; lemon peel, 18@20c. Domestic—Apples, 2@3c; New York evaporated, 13@13½c; Michigan sliced, 11½@12½c; quartered, 12@13c; Western sliced, 11¾@12c; Southern, 10¾@11c; peaches, p rac, 24@25c; do, halves, new, 36@38c; do, sliced, 31½@32c; blackberries, 17@18c; raspberries, 40@42½; cherries, 36@38c. Nuts—Filberts, 15c; Tarragona almonds, Terragona, 21@22c; Naples walnuts, 20@22c; Gurill walnuts, 18@20c; Grenoble walnuts, new, 26@28c; Brazils, 11@11½c; Texas, 9¼@9¾c; pecans, 12@13c; Spanish peanuts, 6@7c; no second quality, 7@10c; Tennessee peanuts, 4@5c.

GREEN FRUITS—Have met with a moderate demand. Very choice apples sell in a retail way at pleasing quotations. They, as a rule, are of crushing varieties. We quote: Lemons, $3.50@7.00 per box; Valencia or inges, $11.00@12.00 per case; Palermo and Messina do, per box, $4.00@4.50; Jamaica apples, $4.25@4.75 per brl; cocoa, $4.50@5.00 per brl; cultivated cocoanuts, 6c@$1.00 per dozen.

GROCERIES—Business is reviving, and the feeling of despondency, for some time past a feature of the market, is rapidly disappearing. The attendance of country merchants is daily on the increase, and the amount of orders received through the mails is also larger than for several weeks past. In prices there have been no very decided change, though the general market is unquestionably firmer than on the date of our last weekly review, with the exception of positive weakness. Sugars are tending higher and syrups and molasses also are strong. Low grade syrups are scarce here and at the East, and will probably advance before the week is out.

BI-CARB. SODA—½@8½c.

COFFEE—

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY P. C. WHELING, ROOM 15, 128 Dearborn-st., near Madison.

CHOICE PROPERTY.

Cottage, Halsted-st., near Thirty-fourth-st., $2,000.
Cottage, Halsted-st., near Thirty-fourth-st., $2,000.
Dansville-st., Sixth Pl., corner Thirty-fifth, $2,500.
Dansville-st., Sixth Pl., corner Thirty-fifth, $2,500.
Cottage, Dearborn-st., near Thirty-eighth-st., $3,000

STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

Explosion of the Boiler of the Mississippi Steamer Crescent City.

Ten Persons Killed and Many Injured.

MEMPHIS, March 24.—A special to the *Appeal* from Helena, Ark., to-day, says the low-boat Crescent City, from New Orleans for St. Louis, with a tow of five freight-barges, one fuel-barge, and a trading-boat laden with thirteen tons of sugar, blew up at 8:30 this morning at the foot of Montezuma Island, ten miles below here. Every part of the boat was blown into atoms, and she sank in three minutes. The barges were all consumed by fire. The following is a list of the lost: Capt. James Dawson, Mate Henry Gessler, Pilot John Ostrander and wife, Pilot William Mundy, Watchman Dan Mattle, cabin-boy unknown, and three colored firemen. Wounded—George Van Haston, pilot, leg disabled; Patrick Bacon, second engineer, bruised; William Dunn, second cook, scalded. Peter Hall, proprietor of the trading boat, badly bruised. His family were all saved, and are on board the steamer Phil Allen, bound for Memphis, as are also all the wounded, who are under the treatment of physicians from Friar's Point. The remainder of the crew are with them, rendering every assistance. The Allen arrived at the scene a few moments after the explosion, and rendered every assistance. The above is from William Briggs, the First Engineer of the ill-fated boat. The Crescent City was owned by the Mississippi Valley Transportation Company, and valued at $70,000.

MEMPHIS, March 24.—The arrival of the Phil Allen, with the survivors of the Crescent City, is anxiously looked for. It is thought it will be midnight or later before she arrives. Capt. Good, agent of the line here, is making every arrangement for the wounded.

FIRES.

Fire in Philadelphia; Loss Over $175,000.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 24.—At an early hour this morning, a fire occurred at Cramp's ship-yard, Kensington, which destroyed the machine and boiler shop with their contents, and property to the value of $175,000. The fire was discovered shortly after midnight in the second story of the machine shop, a two-story brick building 50 feet in breadth, and extending about 200 feet along Beach street. The flames then spread to the boiler-shop at the rear of the machine-shop, and also to a stone and wooden structure about 150 feet long, used as the smith and power shops. The contents of both were speedily consumed, and the wind carried

THE SPARKS AND CINDERS

towards the river, where there were anchored a large number of ships under process of building, or undergoing repairs. One of the latter was the Pennsylvania, being repaired from the effects of her last voyage. For some time she was in great danger, but, by a judicious use of the engine of the yard, the burning sparks were extinguished as they fell. A hay-boat lying alongside the wharf was in danger for some time, but was successfully towed away. Adjacent to the Pennsylvania were a large number of unfinished colliers belonging to the Reading Railroad Company, which, being entirely of iron,

ESCAPED UNINJURED.

About 2:30 o'clock the old ship-yard of the same firm, lying immediately across the river at Petty's Island, and distant not less that 1,000 feet, caught fire from the falling sparks. It is known as Manderson's Mill, and was occupied by Cramp as a receptacle for old boats and ship-building material. The place being almost inaccessible to fire-engines, etc., nothing was done towards saving it, and soon nothing remained but the debris.

THE LOSS

here is about $50,000, and covered by insurance. The loss at the ship-yard, at Beach and Norris streets, is roughly estimated at $175,000. Cramp says the total insurance on the latter place is $85,000. Notwithstanding the heat and the sharp wind blowing, a vast crowd collected in the immediate vicinity of the fire, the brightness of the flames attracting numbers from all sections of the city. The origin of the fire is unknown.

At Elgin, Ill.; Loss, $6,000.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ELGIN, Ill., March 24.—This afternoon, John Smith's residence on River street was destroyed by fire. Martin Stoehr's saloon adjoining was seriously damaged by fire and water. The loss is about $6,000, partly covered by insurance.

ELGIN, Ill., March 24.—The following resolutions were passed by the City Council of the City of Elgin this afternoon:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be, and are hereby, tendered to the firemen of the city for the able and efficient manner in which they performed the arduous duties imposed upon them by the destructive fire of the 23d inst.

Resolved, That this Council deeply deplore and regret the insidious reflections cast upon the Fire Department of this city by irresponsible persons, who have said such reflections to be published in the Chicago daily papers.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to furnish the Associated Press and the Fire Department of Chicago with a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be, and hereby are, given to the Fire Department of Chicago for their promptness in responding to our call when in distress.

I hereby certify that the above resolutions were unanimously passed by the City Council of the City of Elgin, at a meeting thereof held Tuesday evening, March 24, 1874.

(Signed) R. W. PADELFORD, City Clerk.

At St. Joseph, Mo.

Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 24.—The Temple Theatre, between Main and Second streets, in this city, was burned this morning, and is a total loss. It was the property of the Sloan Brothers, who were the managers of the theatre. It has been successful as a place of amusement for several months. The entire loss is less than $10,000. There was the following insurance on the property: German, of Illinois, $500 on furniture, and same amount on the bar-fixtures and stock; Franklin, of West Virginia, $1,000 on the scenery; German, of Illinois, $1,250 on the building; Citizens', of New York, $5,000 on the building; Millville, of New York, $500 on the building; Hibernia, of Cleveland, $2,000 on the building.

At Elmira, N. Y.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 24.—What proved to be a large fire broke out here this morning in the Elmira House on Water street. The flames, aided by the prevailing gale, spread rapidly down both sides of Water street, destroying the Union Block and nine other business places. The loss is estimated at $200,000. Fire departments of neighboring cities responded to telegrams for aid.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 24.—Loss, $200,000; insurance, $152,000, in foreign and Eastern companies.

At South Norwalk, Conn.

NEW YORK, March 24.—A dispatch from South Norwalk states that a fire broke out there this morning in Peck's drug store, in the neighborhood of the New Haven Railroad depot, and the firemen, to prevent the spread of the flames to that structure, demolished two small buildings adjoining the drug store, which was destroyed. Loss, $30,000.

At Newark, N. J.

NEW YORK, March 24.—A fire in Newark avenue, Jersey City, N. J., this morning, destroyed the stores of D. F. Smith, hardware; Armstrong, boots and shoes; Christy Hays, feed and several horses, and Riley, crockery; also, a brush store and beer saloon. The total loss is estimated at about $50,000.

At Bensonia, Mich.

DETROIT, Mich., March 24.—A special to the *Tribune* says the grand Traverse College buildings, at Bensonia, Benzi County, Mich., were destroyed by fire last night. No particulars. The place is some distance from a telegraph office.

At Southington, Conn.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 24.—The works of Pinder & Manufacturing Company, in Southington, burned this morning. One of the buildings was occupied as the depot of the New Haven & Northampton Railroad. Nothing was saved from the depot except the books. The total loss will be about $75,000; insurance, $50,000.

Editing a Paper in Michigan.

From the Detroit Free Press.

Fifteen or sixteen years ago a man named Harvey started a weekly paper as Williamston, Ingham County, called the *Herald*. The town was small, the times dull, and Harvey was probably the laziest editor who ever had anything to do with a Michigan paper. The citizens encouraged him all they could, and finally the gentleman who had furnished most of the capital dropped into the office one Friday to see Harvey and spur him up a little. It was publication day, but the outside, only half made up, was on the stone, and not a line had been set for the inside. Harvey was in the yard back of the office, digging fishing-worms, and was called in.

"See here, Harvey, you are not doing as you should," commenced the gentleman; "here it is Friday and you haven't even worked the first side of your paper."

"I—see—I—haven't!" slowly replied the editor, looking in the drawer for a fish-line.

"Well, when are you going to get the paper out?"

"Some time—next—week."

"But this is no way to do business, Mr. Harver. When you came here didn't you agree to issue the paper every Friday?"

"I—presume—I—did." drawled Harvey, "but—I—didn't—know—that—fishing—was—so—good!"

He took his rod and went to the banks of the Cedar, and when he returned the office was parked up in boxes marked "old type," and a note on the door read: "The *Herald* is dead—too many suckers killed it."

ANNA DICKINSON.

Lecture Last Night on the Social Evil.

Peculiar Views on a Peculiar Subject.

At the request of various clergymen of Chicago, Miss Anna E. Dickinson lectured last evening, in McCormick Music Hall, on the social evil, the special title being: "Between Us Be Truth." The unusual prominence which the subject has of late obtained in this city, through the discussion of the proposed license or registration system, had the effect of bringing out one of the largest and finest-looking assemblages ever seen in Chicago. The great hall was completely crowded in every portion with an audience made up, in the great part, of ladies, and the majority of these by no means ancient or wrinkled, but decidedly young, comely, and fashionably attired.

Soon after 8 o'clock Miss Dickinson made her appearance upon the platform, and was greeted with hearty applause. She wore a black gros grain with many tucks and a voluminous bustle. A rather large bosom bouquet was the only attempt at ornament. She still wears her hair short, curly, black, and parted in the middle. A severe cold necessitated the frequent use of a dainty handkerchief, and thus the appearances of occasional emotion were aided in a purely legitimate way.

Miss Dickinson was introduced to the audience by the Rev. Dr. Ryder, of St. Paul's Universalist Church, and spoke as follows:

THE VOICES.

According to the fair-play of the world, let her have audience. She was sent to speak. As she had gone to and fro in the world, she had heard, as she did in substance this night, voices of plenty, sorrowful voices, angry voices, questioning voices, quarrelsome voices, despairing voices—voices blaspheming even in death; and bearing these she tried for once to gather from all into her one voice, giving utterance to them, say what it was they demanded in the world. One might add to these the voices of millions and mill ons of those who were dead, but, "Let the dead bury the dead"; she held fast simply to the present. It was a curious thing that, in this land of liberty, and justice, and right, this cry should be raised so clearly that none could misunderstand it. They call it to listen. They were unmistakably accusing voices. They were condemning this nation, and

HOW WERE WE ANSWERING THEM?

As a rule we say that public opinion had decided it; ignore the voices, behind which stood certain races of miserable-looking women—that society had decided to ignore their claims; and that, therefore, it would be a bad thing and a foolish thing for men and women to be in the face of public opinion. "Speak your opposition, if you please, against anything you may think ill in this land, but do it softly, with doffed cap and God save the King. Don't be inflexible." They say also: "Think of the poor souls, the innocent souls, the ignorant souls, that abound in this land. For their sake, though there be whole armies perishing,—for the sake of the delicate and refined,—keep the truth silent," though the truth spoken might save multitudes.

THIS KIND OF TALK

reminded her of the old feudal French law, which, for the sake of preserving young partridges, made hoeing and weeding illegal, leaving millions of peasants to starve that a few of the gentry might have a delicacy out of season. Not only preserve the young, who must be uninformed, from information, but then you know, "it is really so disagreeable to discuss some questions; it is so shocking to have such matters thrust on one and under one's nose, that you must excuse us." It had often struck her that

COWARDICE WAS MISTAKEN FOR DAINTINESS

of nature—that the nicest part of the people who talked in such a way was their ears; that such people considered infinitely worse the truth spoken without fear or favor in terms of ill-sounding words, than deeds of vice, however infamous, if they were clad in cloth of gold. [Applause.] "Don't speak about such and such matters! Save the proprieties! Save public opinion! Save delicate and refined ears!"

She was sorry to speak of herself, and doubly sorry because there were so few others to say the truth upon this most dismal and horrible of questions. "A most improper thing!" cried out those people, who would have the truth suppressed,—"a most shocking thing for a woman, young and unmarried, to make such a subject as this an evening's entertainment!" Entertainment? The man who spoke of such a subject, presented with truth and in conscience, as "an evening's entertainment" must find "entertainment" in the tortures of the plague hospital, or in the miseries of outcast souls in hell. "It was not a proper thing," said men who would legislate and decide, "for a woman, young and unmarried, to speak upon." She was not supposed to know of such matters. Why? Because of her youth?

READ THE PAPERS

which published such statements. In parallel columns would be found advertisements under the head of "Miscellaneous" and "Personal," that would teach infamy to the boy or girl ecarcely out of their nurse's lap. The objection was not simply as to youth; it was that the woman was unmarried. Was one to understand from this that it was married women alone who were made familiar with the infamies that go on in the world, the crimes that crowded and loaded it? Were we to deliberately assent to the statement that honorable men made an invariable point or enlightening their delicate and refined wives upon every deed of sin and enormity that was done under the sun? Else, why should married women be better informed of the infamies in existence? She was not to talk, then,

BECAUSE SHE WAS A WOMAN,

married or unmarried. Every man and woman present knew that this question was the most widely discussed and universally known, in some shape or form, of any social question of the age. It was talked of in the pulpit, discussed in the streets, handled from mouth to mouth in ribald profusion. There were vile publications by millions to inform even those in the most hidden places; and even the delicate, fine lady, who was supposed to know nothing of it,—so delicately sheltered,—knew it from her brother's face and eyes, and her father's words to him when he came down to breakfast after coming in at 3 o'clock in the morning. She (the speaker) and her audience knew full well that every one knew more or less of the question.

THE THING TO BE CONSIDERED

was, How shall it be known, and what part of it? One trouble seemed to her to be that, when the matter had come to discussion at all, people had invariably shirked it. One would suppose that political reformers would be interested in something that touched closely the political and wealth producing condition of the people. Yet they, as a rule, shirked it. One might suppose that sanitary reformers, who believed that the true wealth of a nation consisted in its health, would attack it; that the ministers of the Gospel of God,—men not called to help those in their pathway, but to seek through vile ways and filthy places, crawling on hands and knees, if necessary, outcast and perishing souls, that God's own appointed ones would go with hasty feet and eager bread, not merely to do, but to seek for the doing, and save when found. Yet as a rule, even such men, with a few noble, liberal, and manly exceptions, in presenting the question begged it, and acted as though people ought to be afraid of it; as though people expected to be shocked. When dealing with gambling, debauching and filthy and loathsome drunkenness they attacked with strong hand and merciless tongue, in most unqualified Saxon.

WHY, THEN, HESITATE

and falter from a matter that touched not merely a portion, not a large portion; not merely one sex but both sexes?—a question that touched and moved and influenced the spiritual and physical life and health of the whole human kind. These people said it was not fit for her to speak of or touch this matter, because she was a woman. In answer, she would say, just because she was a woman, this [pointing to the platform] was her place to stand, and these her words to speak. [Applause.] There were plenty of men who could preach, talk, argue, vote, pass ordinances and laws, which were in accord with justice. None of these things could she do; but simply bring her word, and speak it into their ears. As the beautiful Empress said, in the cholera bossirai; "It is our woman's way of getting under fire."

Not her place to speak? That sorrow, wrong, misery, crime, injustice, which some women suffered in the world, another woman ought to speak, and other women to hear—that sorrow, misery, wrong, injustice, wherein men helped and in many a case dragged women down to seek and to live therein, other women ought to heed, and do their best to ameliorate or destroy. To those who stood in opposition she would say, as did Fenelon to Louis XIV., "The truth must be spoken: woe to those who, comprehending, speak it not, and woe to you if you are not worthy of hearing." Besides,

THIS MATTER HAD BEEN FORCED UPON WOMAN

to consider. Men had said this thing and the other affected women, and therefore men must legislate upon it without their advice or consultation. Men had gone forward legislating, and in this part of the world they were preparing to legislate, compelling the women to look on quietly. Who were these women about whom this legislation was made? What were they? What had they done? What was it men proposed to do for or against them? How many people in the hall, who must be interested in the painful theme to come here to hear it discussed, had paused for one five minutes in their lives to ask, "Who are the women, from whence come they, and why are they what they are?" There were thousands of young girls huddled in crowded tenement houses with boys and men, as Charles Dana tells us, "having lost purity before they could give a definition of the name"—growing up to swell this army of miserable women, as their mothers and older sisters grew to fill the army before them. There were thousands of the Nation's orphans huddled in jails and almshouses all over the land, their only crime the parentage of sin. What did they there? The speaker here gave a story of

A BEAUTIFUL CHILD

she saw in an alms-house, sitting on the knee of a man who had been guilty of every crime save that of murder, learning her only lessons of life from such a teacher! To this she added the narrative of a young and beautiful girl in a New York Police Court, arraigned on a false charge and fined $200, who was released by the procurer for a house of ill-fame, and by him carried away to that life.

THE GREAT MAJORITY

of the girls came from a class which the Government ignored,—a class which was, in turn, steadily undermining the Government by outrage and plundering the poor, born in debauchery and reared in crime, respecting not themselves, and so not respecting the rights of others; poisoned by foul air, and diseased by miserable surroundings; their cradle, the almshouse, jail, or street; their abode, the brothel; their death-bed, their birthbed. From every such vile den, by the side of the brother whose destination was the Penitentiary or the gallows, came the sister, whose home and destination was the street,—coming from the same root and growth. As a rule, there was no more use in trying to reform such a girl, once thoroughly in the street, than a man who had the jail-bird mark stamped on him by confinement in a prison. They must dig down deeper, as past generations had not done it for this class. After such training,

HOW DARED MEN,

responsible for the legislation that had created women, stand up and call them-selves men, and call God to witness the justice of their law. Law was supposed to abide in the bosom of God. Having made such laws, having framed such children to such womanhood, the speaker (who shed a few tears at this point) confessed she would not like to be in their shoes when they stood in the presence of God to present their bill of regulation and punishment for she should expect the lightnings to blast her where she stood. [Applause.]

These women were made what they were without will, or wish, or power of their own to stay, to change, or to save. There were 20,000 prostitutes in New York, 35 per cent of whom could sign their names only with a cross; and this a land of liberty and intelligence! What brought such women to the street, save abject ignorance that left them no alternative but to eke out a miserable existence that should be a living death in honesty on the one side, and a false hope of gain, of desolation, and destruction on the other?

SHE KNEW THESE GIRLS WELL,

and she thanked God she did know them. When one came to plead their cause she knew of what she spoke. Wheresoever she could put a kindly hand upon such an arm, and look with honest eyes of affection on a woman upon another woman in need, or speak a cheery word, she had done so. She had gone over many a dismal path and horrible road to find, and see, and touch, and speak to them. She had asked one of these girls why she lived with a man as his mistress instead of marrying, and had been told that she preferred to be his mistress; that her mother had been married, and was ill-used and under restraint, while she (the girl) could go and come when she pleased, would gain nothing by marriage. Her position would be no more respectable, whereas now she could get away from him when she could not endure him any longer, and that was what her mother could not do. There was no use to ask a woman like her to get married, as she would be "enough night" worse of than as she was.

Plenty of women, well reared, with comfortable and pleasant surroundings, found they had to find their own way in the world,—a way from a high place to a low place; girls whose fingers pushed from them faintly want and sin, because they were never taught to stand alone or think for themselves, at last giving way and falling down. "A short life and a merry one" was their motto. A miserable slave, her time and her person never her own, even in the most elegant places; and below that—what?

A VISIT TO "CANTERBURY."

In this connection the lecturer told the story of her visit to a New York sink of iniquity called "Canterbury," which, she was well known, no doubt, to many men in the audience. She was a woman living in the world, and she had a right to know what was going on in it. [Applause.] So she went to "Canterbury" to look and see for herself. A girl eyed her suspiciously, and so she ordered a glass of gin-and-water to keep up appearances and get a chance to speak to the girl, who came close to her and urged her to go home and never come there again, and putting out the ragged toe of a boot, which covered a stockingless foot, offered all the money she had—50 cents—to go and get an honest lodging for one night anyway. Men going out of the front door might say the girl's laugh was a merry one, but she (the speaker) finding her out of the back door by-and-by, could see that it was the laugh of a lost soul coming out of hell. She told how she visited a brothel in Thirty-ninth street, New York, where the keeper burst into tears and told her she would to God other women would come as she had done, and not come with spilled thirts as if they were stepping into a dirty puddle, and would be contaminated by contact. [Miss Dickinson here illustrated this peculiarity of the common run of virtuous female visitors to houses of ill-fame, by lifting up her own skirts and treading the platform daintily, thereby disclosing a neat white petticoat and a fine pair of gaiter-tops.]

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

She found fault with the way women went about the matter. A man did not cry and pray over an erring brother, but took him by the arm in a straightforward way, and through his manliness tried to induce him to become a Christian. "I tell you, my friends," she exclaimed, "you have got to put down your ladyhood, and in one sense your Christianity, and walk into the room simply a plain, straightforward, kindly-disposed woman, if you ever come to reach one such soul as that!" [Applause.]

THE FAULT ONE OF TRAINING.

The speaker next referred to a portion of the subject she has for a long time spoken upon,—the difference between the home training of the brother and the sister. There were two broad avenues through which a woman could gain what she was taught to desire,—the one was marriage; the other, a life of shame. The peculiarities of fashionable marriages were alluded to in the sarcastic and effective vein for which the speaker has become noted. She said of such a marriage, where money, and not a good record and an unsoiled soul, was the grand requisite, that it was nothing less than legalized sin—but one step from the prostitution of the marriage-bed to the prostitution of the street. [Applause.]

The subject of

THE PROPOSED "SANITARY REGULATION"

of the social evil in Chicago was dwelt upon. It was proposed, she said, to take hold of the social evil. They could not call it a crime; they did not mean the sin itself, since a few hundreds of women stood on one side, and hundreds of thousands of men on the other. They proposed to look after the wretched women only. They had certain physical methods, the efficacy of which could not be judged of in this land, whose we knew so little, except by the experience of other countries.

In reference to the workings of the "Contagious-Diseases act" in England, she stated that it had been smuggled through Parliament at the last hours of the session in 1865, under the pretense that it related chiefly to the cattle disease; and when its chief supporters, Paget, Jenner, Hughist, etc., were asked as to the workings of the system in the Continental countries, they all replied that they knew nothing about the matter. There was little use to quote England as proof of the excellence of the plan. In Paris, fathers registered their daughters as prostitutes, and mothers openly sold them to shame. Paris was the moral lazar-house of the world. The chief medical inspector of the Paris police, with his sixty years of experience, said that it was

A MORAL AND NOT A PHYSICAL EVIL,

and that no stringency of police regulation could reach or cope with it. He reported that, in spite of stringent laws and faithful officers, the registered women of Paris were only about one-seventh of the total number of those given over to shame. He said that officers were not free from temptation, and that favoritism was shown, houses being left alone which ought to be looked after with especial vigilance; and that nearly every officer on the examining force had grown rich and retired upon a competency. The speaker remarked that there was no need to mention to Western men the application of this significant fact.

WHAT OF IT, MORALLY?

Take one single statement in the proposed bill for Chicago, which in substance required that the girls were to be driven out of every single room where they lived, because they could not afford to live there and pay the dues exacted of them. This was just what they tried to do at Over Europe. It dragged the girl out of her seclusion, where she might strive, try and by, to get a decent living, and drove her into the great houses, under the care of the merciless mistresses, who were worse to her than any Satan she would have to face in the future. [Applause.] At present the girl could live as she pleased, and if tired and disgusted could shut herself away from the world, where God could look down upon her, and where she was free to soberly deliberate of being the slave of some grinding woman in whose debt she had fallen, and who held a very bill of sale of her body and soul. The dues and fees proposed to be collected from the mistress would be extorted from the girls, who would be thus driven to lower and more desperate acts of shame to raise the money which the law took from her. [Applause by the audience, and tears by Miss Dickinson.] What need to say more of the horrible subject? She would say more if the law were enacted, or she believed it would become law. She did not believe it. She loved her country; she loved the great, splendid West too well to suppose that, even if foreign influence had triumphed in St. Louis, it was going to drag Chicago into such a filthy pool, and ghastly, sickly mire. [Applause.] Why did she believe so? She read from the opinion of a great Berlin physician, who said: "Such a system cannot take root in any country till the moral tone of the entire population has fallen to a level not to require the suppleness of every part of the community in its regulations to be enforced."

The lecture closed with a pathetic and tearful story about a young girl whose parents were once wealthy residents of St. Louis, but lost their property, died, and left her an orphan. She fell into a life of shame, found her way to Denver, and there died a most touching description was given of the manner in which her sisters in degradation followed her to her grave. The speaker stood still and saw it all, and asked herself what society had done for this poor girl. "Poor, poor child!" exclaimed Miss Dickinson, her eyes streaming with tears. "It was a wronged, tortured, outraged soul. May she find the justice of God more infinitely tender than the mercies of men. I pray it for myself. What I have never forgotten, that, though one on the right hand and one on the left, should restrain me, and another behind seek to drag me back; though friend beseech, though foe assail; nay, though I should be cast out for such a course, even as one dead, I shall stand fast in such a place as that, and dead shall I speak—speak for them, in their graves, whether they be above ground, or be, as they speedily will be, below ground—and should I be cast out from the face of society, I should have the courage to speak for these and their griefs, believing that God will listen, and the dear Lord will at last incline some one, after I am gone, to take up my work and carry it on thereafter." [Applause].

AN INVITATION.

As the audience rose to their feet to leave the hall, the Rev. L. T. Chamberlain, of the New England Congregational Church, moved that Miss Dickinson be invited to continue the subject next Friday evening.

Dr. Ryder put the motion, and it was carried without a dissenting voice.

Miss Dickinson expressed her gratitude for the attention she had received, and should gladly speak again.

It is said that her weak state of health and severely sore throat were so much aggravated by last night's effort that she cannot give a decision until this afternoon concerning Friday evening's lecture.

CRIME.

Burglars in Montgomery County, O.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DAYTON, O., March 24.—Last night two burglars entered the house of Mr. Edwards, in New Lebanon, and stole about $800 cash. They then went to the house of Joseph Mucks, one mile east of that town, but did not take any money. The owner of the house, Mr. Mucks, an aged man, was so frightened by the entrance of the thieves that he died in fifteen minutes. The burglars made several other visits during the night. Before morning they had left the neighborhood, carrying with them about $1,000. They have not yet been captured, but officers of the law are on their track.

Burglars in Goshen, Ind.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GOSHEN, Ind., March 24.—This city is overrun by burglars. For four nights in succession houses have been entered, and money, etc., taken. Last night three more residences were broken into, the principal loser being a widow.

Alleged Embezzlement.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—Charles Kechum, late Superintendent of the Union Pacific Express Company, was arrested here to-day, charged with embezzlement of various sums, amounting in all to about $4,000. He waived examination and gave bail.

On Trial for Malpractice.

NEW YORK, March 24.—In the Hudson County Court, at Jersey City, this morning, Alonzo E. Kimball was placed on trial, for the second time, for complicity in the death of Ida W. Vail, the victim of malpractice. Mr. Minier, who is already convicted, is the principal witness against the accused.

The Tragedy at Centreville, Ill.—A Family of Five Persons Murdered—A Relative Suspected of Being the Murderer.

From the St. Louis Globe, March 22.

As the party, consisting of the Constable, a friend, and the *Globe* reporters, entered the house, "Oh, my God!" fell from the lips of all. It was enough to make the blood curdle in one's veins. There, just inside the door, was a pool of blood, and, looking to see from whence it came, the clotted hair and gaping wounds on the head, face and neck of Fritz Stelizeride met the eye. He was lying on his left side, with his head resting on his arm, and both arm and head were surrounded with a pool of blood, which had become dark and coagulated, and close by on the floor lay three fingers which had been severed from his hands. It was indeed a sight that would make the

STOUTEST HEART STAND STILL.

His throat was cut from ear to ear, and his face had become perfectly black from the quantity of blood which had lodged in his head. Fritz wore a pair of denim pants and a blue shirt. He had evidently been laying on the lounge, from which he arose to meet the assassin's instrument of death. The door of the adjoining room was opened, and there, on the floor, lay the body of Charles Stelizeride, father of Fritz, the most terrible sight that ever a human being looked upon. His throat was cut, or chopped, a little below the chin, so that the head was nearly severed from the body.

HIS HEAD WAS CRUSHED,

and from all appearances he had been first struck with an ax or some heavy weapon and knocked down, and then butchered in the awful way in which we saw him. His bed was still unmade, and seemed as if he had just left it. He was dressed in a white shirt and a pair of drawers. Both on the shirt and drawers were clotted drops of blood, and, like the picture in the other room, one gazed upon was seen all around him. The old man's hair was jet black, and, strange to tell, not a spot of blood was noticeable in his locks. But here we come to the

MOST HEART-RENDING SCENE OF ALL.

In a bed in the same room in which Fritz laid, and about three yards from him, were his wife and two children. The mother's face was a complete mass of blood and hair, and was, in fact, scarcely recognizable. In her arms she held a little infant, pretty even in the bed of death, and its little arms were closely clasped around the neck of its mother. It was a little girl, 7 months old, with light flaxen hair and blue eyes, which were open, and seemed to beg for mercy. The mother's bosom was exposed, and close to it she held the babe. Both looked as if they had sunk in sweet sleep and never afterwards awoke. On the inside of the bed lay little Charles, whose head was also crushed in, and whose features were not to be seen because of the blood and bruises which disfigured his little face. The mother had a deep gash in the throat, but the children were killed by a single blow each. Little Anna, in fact, could not have been struck with an ax or hatchet, but rather with a club. There they lay, all huddled up together, as they had gone to rest, and God only knows whether they ever awoke to see the weapon raised above their heads, and, if they did whether they only looked once, and then all was over.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE MURDER

was made by an honest and well-to-do farmer who lives about 300 yards from the Stelizeride house, named Ben Snyder. It seems that Snyder and old man Steitzeride had made a bargain about a certain amount of potato-seed on the day previous to the murder. Mr. Snyder called late on the following evening, about 6 o'clock, and wondered why everything was so quiet about the house. He stepped upon the porch, opened the door, and saw the body of Fritz lying on the floor. He was horrified, frightened, and knew scarcely what to do. He left the place and called upon one or two neighbors, but all of them were shy about entering the house. At last Esquire Thomas came along, and they informed him of the affair, but he would not at first believe them. They told him that they were really speaking the truth, and he took their word. All three of them entered and beheld the sight spoken of above. They then went to Centerville, and soon it spread like wildfire. There are a number of rumors flying around the country in regard to the persons suspected of being implicated in the crime. A young man named Fred Boelit married a sister of the murdered woman in St. Louis eight years ago. It seems that the former has been considerably indebted to or money loaned by Fritz and his father, and that several difficulties have sprung up between the parties on this account. Fred. Boelits does not bear the cleanest character in the world, among the Germans in the neighborhood, and as these troubles have resulted in words which were occasioned to end in blows, the people naturally fel. like placing

A SUSPICIOUS GLANCE UPON FRED.

Yesterday morning he was informed twice of the fact that his relatives and his wife's relatives had been murdered. He pleaded sick, and said that under no circumstances could he look upon a dead man. The Sheriff of the county called upon him, and told Mr. Boelit last, as he and his wife were the only living members of the family, it was nothing more than their duty to go to the house and attend to matters. Fred. said he was lame, and could not go. He was asked by the Sheriff if he wouldn't ride down. He consented to ride, but said he would not look at the murdered people. Fred. Boelit arrived on the ground, and he was the most wretched-looking man that probably ever stepped outside a lunatic asylum. His limbs knocked together, and his whole frame seemed to be agitated. Perspiration was perceptible, and these maneuvres, together with the rumors existing, placed Fred in an unenviable light. He did not have a friend among the 300 persons who had gathered by the time he arrived. He was questioned, examined, and cross-examined. His clothes were examined, his boots were a subject of much comment, his every movement betokened something to the excited crowd, and not one among them believed him innocent.

"Mr. Sheriff," asked the reporter, "what is your belief as regards the manner in which the murders were committed?"

Jim Hughes answered: "It is my honest belief that the crime was

COMMITTED BY ONE MAN,

and that that one man completed his work inside of ten minutes. I think he entered the house, in some way to me unknown, and killed the mother and her children first. One blow was sufficient to kill her, because if it were not she would have moved in bed, or changed her position in some way; as she lies now, she laid when she was struck, with the baby pressed closely to her breast. The man used the ax or heavy hatchet. When he had dispatched the mother and little ones, or before he had got through, I believe that the woman's husband, Fritz, who, from all appearances, was lying on the lounge there, was aroused from his sleep. He must have fought for his life, for you see he has changed his position on the floor once or twice. The noise awoke the old man in the next room, and, as he opened the door, he was struck on the forehead and knocked down; then his throat was cut. The whole thing was done so quick that there was no chance for any of the family to escape or give an alarm. The murder was certainly committed by some one who did not care for money, as two pocket-books were picked up containing greenbacks, and the drawer in which the old gentleman kept his notes and money was opened, but neither the notes nor money were touched. The man who committed this murder did it simply because he wished to

CLEAN OUT THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

He wanted none of them, and he has left none of them."

"What about that blood found on the road, a mile north of here?"

"Well, that is a clew to the murder. The murderer was injured in some way, and he took some of the old man's tobacco, and tried to stop the bleeding. The tobacco was found, blood-stained, near the road and about one mile from here, and in the direction of that man's house."

He pointed toward Fritz' brother-in-law.

Esquire Thomas, the Constable, his brother, and the *Globe* reporters started for the house of the suspected man. It is situated about three miles from the Stelizeride farm.

The sister of the murdered woman, and wife of the suspected murderer, was in the house with a maiden relative. We were commissioned by the Sheriff to search the premises, and use our own discretion as to where and how we searched. We searched hay-stacks, corn-cribs, chicken-houses, onion-beds, feather-beds, trunks, bureaus, drawers, attics, cellars, everywhere, for two hours, but could find nothing with a stain of blood, nor the marks of blood having been there. It was a fruitless search, and we left the house as wise as when we entered it.

Back to the house of the dead again. The Coroner had just arrived, and was impanneling his jury. Jury being sworn in, and witnesses called, some interesting statements were made.

Fred. Boelitz was called and sworn. He would not enter the house where his brother-in-law and other relatives laid in blood, until he was

ACTUALLY PUSHED IN.

When inside he turned his back to the corpse of Fritz, and never once looked towards the bloody spot where he was lying. He was asked why it was he would not look at the dead man His answer was, in substance, that when he was a little boy he saw a comrade who had been drowned, and he never could look on a dead body afterwards. Still he admitted that he had seen dead people, but he said he meant those who had died an unnatural death. He was frightfully agitated during the examination, and at one or two periods of the cross-examination looked as though he would faint. His voice was tremulous and his answers incoherent. Although there were many who desired to see him placed in such a position that there could be no chance of his escaping from a confession if he was guilty, yet the Coroner had pressence of mind enough to defer asking certain questions under the circumstances.

At last, they compelled him by sheer force to look upon the body of his dead brother-in-law. He writhed in agony, sank into his chair like a woman, his eyes looked as though they would start from their sockets.

The body of Fritz was turned over for the first time, and he was compelled to look at the ugly scar and the crushed skull. 'Twas a sight that sickened the crowd, but he sat there without a look of pain, a look of anger, or a look of sorrow—

NOTHING BUT A VACANT STARE.

By the time the Coroner's inquest was under way over 500 people were on the ground, including a number of women, and the excitement ran high. Groups of young and old men were walking in all directions, looking for marks—any kind of marks that might lead to the apprehension of the murderer. Marks where an ax was dragged along attracted a crowd, and marks where the imprint of the soles of boots with nails in them were found, were considered by some to be the only real marks. Anyhow, up to the time the reporters left nothing definite had been discovered. The Chairman of the jury stated to the *Globe* reporter, before he left for St. Louis, that Fred Boelitz would be arrested on suspicion, but nothing more.

MARRIAGES.

CLARK—ALEXANDER—In Chicago, Oct. 18, 1873, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Augustus Beinke, Mr. Arthur C. Clark, of 62 Dearborn-st., and Mrs. H. Alexander, M. D., of 151 Twenty-third-st. No cards.

ALLYN—BECK—On Thursday, March 19, by the Rev. Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, Mr. Jay Allyn, of Holyoke, Mass., and Katie M. Beck, of this city.

LE—Vinton, Iowa, and Holyoke, Mass., papers please copy.

HARVEY—DANIELS—At the residence of the bride's father, 321 West Washington-st., on March 19, by the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Fred. Dick Harvey and Miss Katie Daniels, by bed (Chicago). No cards.

☞ New York and Washington papers please copy.

DEATHS.

GORGAS—In this city, March 23, 1874, Jacob Gorgas, aged 58 years and 7 months.

Funeral at his late residence, 294 Fulton-st., at 1 o'clock to-day. Friends of the family invited.

LEWIS—Sunday, March 22, at Manistee, Mich., Fanny Lewis (nee Collette), beloved wife of M. C. Lewis.

Remains will be brought to this city for interment. Notice of funeral in to-morrow's paper.

WINCHESTER—The funeral services of E. W. Winchester will be held at his late residence, No. 616 Fifth avenue, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to be present.

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